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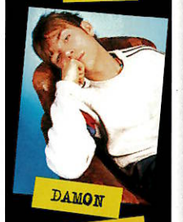
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BackStage At Top of the Pops

TOP OF THE POPS EXCLUSIVE ACCESS

Please let me play!

"Ulp!"

"It's sooo boring," moaned **JAMES NORTH AND SOUTH** in between rehearsals at *TOTP*. "What shall we do?" he continued, big moany thing with a degree in moaning from Moaning Now, we always like to help out pop peep at a loose end, presented the foursome with a new game to challenge their in the *TOTP* garden – croquet! (Well, we bet Posh has a set at

But things didn't quite go to plan. "Is this what you have to d mischievously sticking his head through one of the hoops. "Yea hitting James's feet and wedging his red and yellow locks right Meanwhile, Tom was practising his mallet swing, aiming directly unsuspecting Sam. It was time to confiscate the game! "Oi, that just starting to have fun!" protested Lee.

There was more ball-playing to do, so the lads headed off to a n "I always win!" boasted Sam. Then, just as the first ball was ab James flew into a panic. "Do you think my newly-painted blue nail varnish will chip off?" he screamed. Luckily, James's nails survived and Lee emerged the winner, with Sam claiming that Tom had put him off his stride, and Tom claiming that Lee had cheated!

Now, now, boys!

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BACKSTAGE GOSSIP

Spotted in the canteen – Mr and Mrs **OLIVE** supping down bucketfuls of tea. Why? They'd flown back overnight from America – and as well as jet lag, it left them gagging for a good cuppa... **PETER ANDRE** relaxed in his dressing room by drinking a Smoothie and listening to songs for Disney's *Hercules* soundtrack.

Pete's been asked to record a version of *A Star Is Born* for the movie... **ROBYN** was meanwhile giving language classes to her dancers. The cheeky chanteuse taught them a new skill – how to swear in Swedish. Lovely... **JON BON JOVI** and **MARY J BLIGE** were whisked in and out of recording as they continued rehearsing for the huge Songs And Visions show at Wembley stadium... The continuing saga of JBJ's *TOTP* dinner is hotting up. After missing out on canteen meals completely the last time, Jon ordered food into his dressing room. Sadly, he was brought the wrong thing! Oh well, maybe next time, sighed the still polite but long suffering Bon Jovi frontman...

SHARLEEN TEXAS had to rush off stage to have her make up re-applied. It was being filmed in black and white but her rosy cheeks were showing up on the monitors!... **JOHN SEAHORSES** was telling everyone about his holidays. "I went to Formentera near Ibiza," he said "And I made friends with loads of German tourists!"...Poor old **COOLIO**.

Recording *TOTP* over-ran so much he missed the first two hours of him own party!... If you can't stand the heat get out of the studio! **WET WET WET**'s Marti raced out mopping his forehead. "It's roasting in there!" He wibbled... Aww. Tragedy for **JAMES NORTH AND SOUTH**! He didn't have time to dye his hair before the show so he's having three different coloured stripes to make up for it next time...

BackStage At Top Of The Pops

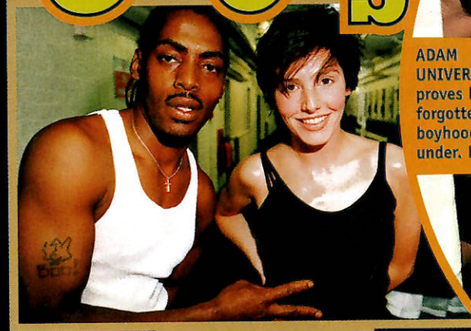
There's just time for a little practice before **MEREDITH BROOKS** takes to the stage. Right, that's the chords sorted – now to perfect the 'Bitch' expression. Hmm, it's not working...

MARY J in 'Ooh, no chair to sit down on, I'll lean against the door instead' shocker!

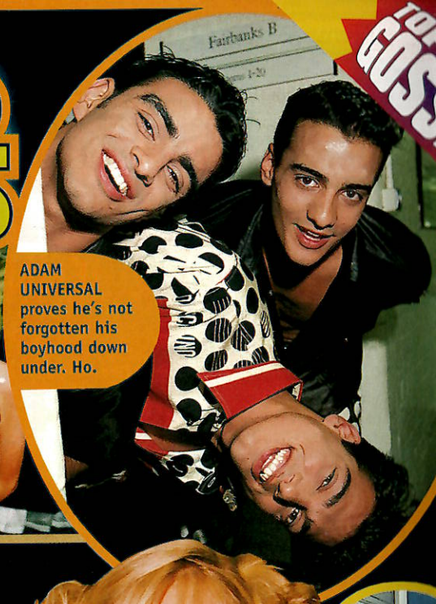
"D'you like my outfit for *All About Us*?" laughed **PETER ANDRE**. "It looks like the navy uniforms in *A Few Good Men*. I'm not quite Tom Cruise though!" Don't worry – we prefer that Elvis lip curl – uh-huh-huh!

NORTH AND SOUTH go for the *Men In Black* look. It must be those great big shiny guns hidden up their jackets making them laugh so much...

JON BON JOVI at *Top Of The Pops*. Obv!



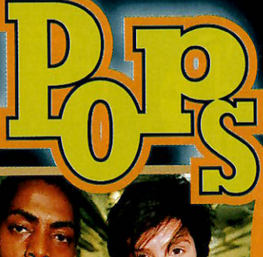
ADAM UNIVERSAL proves he's not forgotten his boyhood down under. Ho.



COOLIO and **SHARLEEN TEXAS** meet up and discuss muscles. "Eat all your porridge," says Cool, "and you'll grow up big and strong like me!"

BOYZONE rush down the stairs after a quick costume change to run through *Picture Of You* just one more time. **SHANE** is last downstairs – adjusting your fancy hairdo were you, Shaney?

ZOË BALL beats off all other contenders to present *TOTP*.



Meanwhile, **MARY J**'s chair is feeling lonely. "Ooh, I miss M'Lady's bottom. I've been jilted for a door!"

Caught in the ac... Our photographe... snaps **MR AND ... OLIVE** in a some... compromising po... Note the after-p... innocent expres... below. Pah.

OUR DAY AT TOP OF THE POPS BY MRS TEXAS

9.30am Woke up after falling asleep watching *The X-Files*. I can sleep in now as I live in Islington and not Glasgow so I'm nearer work.

10.30am Turned TV off after *Teletubbies*, Laa-Laa's my favourite. Made myself more tea and ran a bath with plenty of smelly things in it. I love a good soak!

11am Waiting for clothes to arrive from Paul Smith so I can decide what to wear tonight. No sign, so I arrange next week's interviews.

12.30pm Made myself something to eat. I've found this really great recipe, you toast a bagel, spread cream cheese over the top and then place a really thin slice of turkey on top. It's delicious.

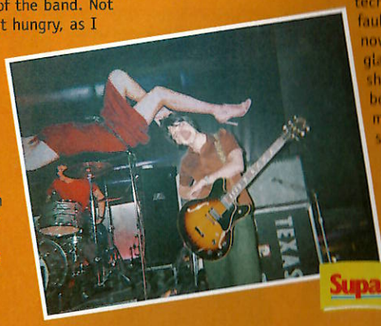
Made a cuppa, went back to bed and watched morning TV.

1.30pm Car arrives to take me to Elstree but still no sign of the clothes. Discover they've been sent to the wrong address so I have to wait around – time for another cup of tea!

3.15pm Arrive at Elstree, with clothes. Head into the studio and start rehearsals. We were performing completely live so we had to run through it several times to make sure the sound was just right.

6pm Venture into the canteen to have a can of pop and a chat with the rest of the band. Not really that hungry, as I had a cheese sandwich earlier on in the dressing room!

8.pm Had make-up done and then went up to the studio for photos with *TOTP Magazine*. Back to the dressing room for a spot of karaoke with the band!



9pm Finished the performance... had a great time even tho... we had to do it three times due to... technic... faults, now fo... glass... shand... booze... my b... see...

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GOSSIP

BY SUSIE & JENN

EXCLUSIVE! SPICE GIRLS YOUR NEWS EXCLUSIVE!

POP ANNOUNCEMENT!

"Our shows are going to be like nothing you've ever seen before!" **SCARY SPICE** tells us. "It's going to be very theatrical! We want to rock!" says **SPORTY.** "There's going to be a massive party vibe!" **GINGER** chips in. The Spicies are of course talking about the most eagerly awaited event in the universe, the UK Spice tour (full details in last month's *TOTP*). "We start rehearsals in a couple of weeks," reveals Sporty. "It will be extremely physical so we're going to get very fit." Although their first live date in Turkey takes place a couple of months before the world tour starts, it definitely won't spoil things for fans who want to see the band more than once. "The Pepsi concert in October is almost like an appetiser," whispers Geri secretively. "The main course starts in the new year." With courses as good as this, what are they going to do for dessert?!

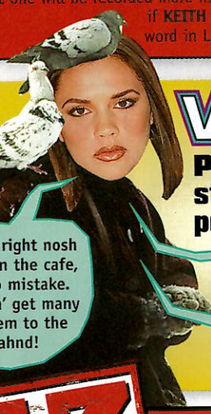
Photo: Retna

D MORE PRODG ALBUMS!

M PRODIGY caused a right rumpus when he ounced that *The Fat Of The Land* would be the d's last alb. "I'm not doing another one," he ounced. "It's too much pressure." But fret not, all is not as it seems. "It may be the case that e might not be another album," says the band's kesperson. "But then again it might be that the t one will be recorded more informally." Wonder if **KEITH** had a 'quiet' word in Liam's ear...

What If...?

POSH SPICE stopped being posh!



right nosh n the cafe, mistake. ' get many em to the ahnd!

Ah told 'er, if ah see ya in me manor again, ah'm gonna knack ya!

So ah said to 'im, 'Two nicker for that? Me old man's vest is werf morwah!'

A TO Z N-TYCE

A is for **ATTITUDE**, which N-Tyce are never short of. "We're all strong women," says helle. "But we don't want anyone with bad attitude at our ty!" Party poppers advance to...

or **CLOTHES.** "I'd wear a feather boa and a basque to the ty," giggles Donna. Time for a carry out to...

or **FOOD.** "We love party food," says Chantal. "Frazzles," eams M'chelle. "I want Frazzles!" Quickly forwarding to...

or **INVITATIONS.** M'chelle has a huge guest list. "We'd invite mage, First Class, Universal, Benz, Awesome and all e other up and coming bands and of course *TOTP agazine!*" An instant introduction to...

for **MUSIC.** "We went to another band's after ow party – and no we won't say which band – t it was really dry 'cos there was no music," ys M'chelle. Which can only mean...

or **"PAAAARTY!"** N-Tyce scream in unison, putting in the mood for...

or **SNOGGING GAMES.** "We'd play Postman's Knock s that's always guaranteed to get us a snog." Let's ooch on to...

is for **WHATEVER!** "It's an N-Tyce thing," says helle. "If anyone at our party said something we dn't like we'd just say, 'Whatever!'"

Tyce's new single, We Come To Party, is out is month. Whatever!

Do we Wannadie?

Few pop stars have had stranger first jobs than **PÄR** from Swedish indie band **THE**, um, **WANNADIES.** He used to be a grave digger! Yikes, Scooby! "**FREDDY,** the bass player and I used to dig graves during the summer," grunts Pär. "It wasn't at all scary or gloomy. It was like working in a park except it was a grave park! At the beginning it took us all day to dig just one, but after a month we were doing one every two hours!" To avoid their pop career ending up in an early grave, The Wannadies are now re-re-releasing their single *You And Me Song*. Let's hope the fans dig deep.

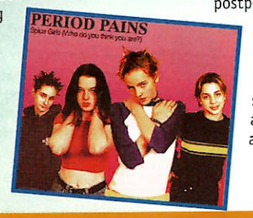
TONGUE WAGGERS

The gossip on everyone's lips this month

UP 3T'S SLEEVES!

After admitting they were disappointed with the cover of their debut album *Brotherhood*, **3T** are now making sure they're totally happy with their next alb by helping to design the sleeve artwork themselves. And that's not us drawing conclusions!

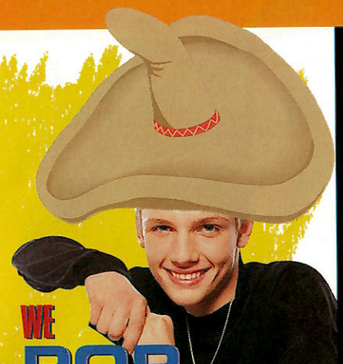
THE ANTI-SPICE!



New girl band **PERIOD PAINS** have caused a right old hoo haa with their single, *Spice Girls (Who Do You Think You Are?)* The Pains' lyrics include, "We hate Mel/Geri is a moo as well/Vicky and Emma do what you like/Mel C take a hike!" "People say we don't like the Spice Girls," says singer 14-year-old Chloe, "but we do! They're much better than Oasis!" Errr, watch out Liam!

PUSH ONE TIME, TWO TIMES!

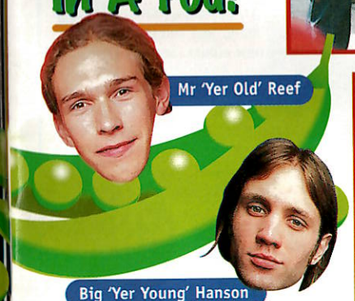
MRS FUGEE, LAURYN, had to postpone an interview with our own *TOTP Magazine* so she could give birth to a son. We're glad to say both mum and Baby Fugee are doing fine.



WE POP BOYS! WE SPEAKA DA LINGO!

First it was **BOYZONE**, now **PETER ANDRE** and **BACKSTREET BOYS** are recording singles in Spanish, despite not having so much as a GCSE in Español! Peter has even enlisted the help of Laura Vasquez [who used to play Sarah from *Home and Away*] to translate the lyrics for Soñar un Pequeño aka *Dream A Little*. Meanwhile the Backstreets have recorded Donde Quieras Yo Iré, which literally means *Where For You I Would Be!* BSB fans however will probably know this song better as Anywhere For You. Adios amigos!

Two Peas In A Pod!



Mr 'Yer Old' Reef

Big 'Yer Young' Hanson

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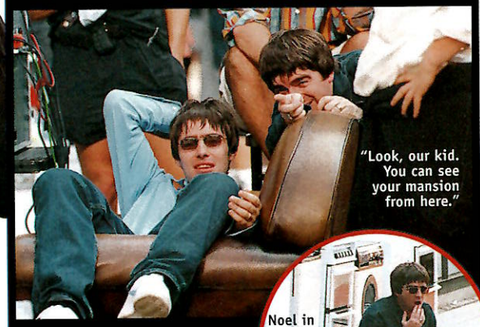
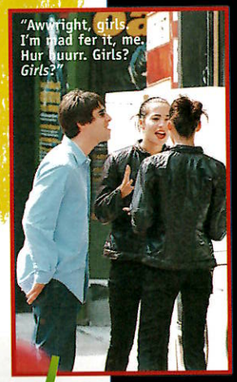


"Look, our kid. You can see your mansion from here."

Noel in "I thought pavement was a lot shocker."

OASIS never miss a chance for a spot of glamour. They don't need such obvious video locations as Los Angeles, a tropical island or snowy ski slopes. No, when the Oasis boys decide to make a new video they plump for Feltham Shopping Centre in Middlesex (and the last one was done on some waste ground in South London!) We caught up with them in 'the centre' while they were filming smash 'n' grab scenes rumoured to be for the vid for *Stand By Me*, a track from their latest alb, *Be Here Now*.



"Awwright, girls. I'm mad fer it, me. Hur huurr. Girls? *Girls?*"

"Don't fanny your much, Trace!"

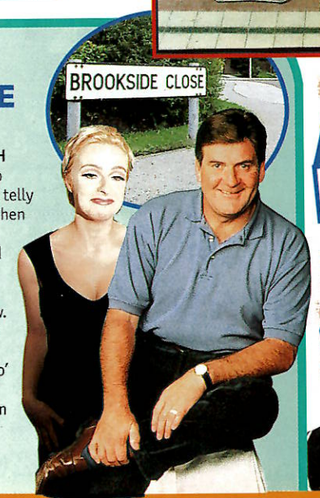
Watch that plate glass window, young man...

...Oh dear! Don't try this at your local shopping centre.

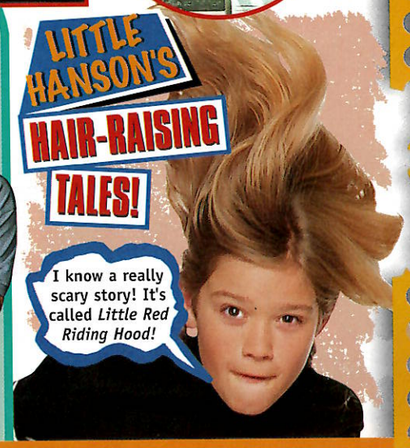
Photos: WENN/Steve Butler.

SARAH BROOKIE STAR

DUBSTAR'S SARAH BLACKWOOD is to appear in the top telly soap *Brookside*! When one of *Brookie's* producers bumped into Sarah he asked if she'd come on the show. Rumours that Mrs Dubstar will be playing Ron 'Dicko' Dixon's new love interest have been strongly denied!



LITTLE HANSON'S HAIR-RAISING TALES!



I know a really scary story! It's called *Little Red Riding Hood!*

ALL MY OWN WORK!

STEPHEN BOYZONE'S GOSSIP COLUMN

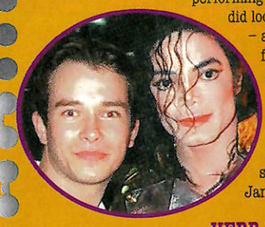
Howdee! I have oodles of lovely gossip for y So are you sitting comfortably?

WHAT A STATE!

America, the highlights... Well, one has to be meeting an old mate from home in the New York Disney Store, completely by accident! Another was the musical *Les Miserables* playing in the theatre across the street, and then us doing a photoshoot in Central Park! I saw fireflies for the first time – I'd no idea what they were, glowing in front of me! They don't bite – but they do burn, ho h

MICHAEL AND ME!

What can I say! I met Michael Jackson when he was performing in Dublin – and, ye did look weird! He said, '– and I said, 'Hello, th for meeting me' and said, 'No problem!' his mum too. She front of me durin performance, wa her family videos o screen – the Jackso Janet, everyone. Brill



HERR BEAN!

We did the *Mr Bean* premiere in London – I loved the movie, couldn't stop laughing – but then a few weeks later we had to go to the German premiere too – the dialogue was dubbed into German, and everyone talked like that old TV series *Heidi*. Very strange.

"Uh-oh, do you think I'm turning into Mr Bean?"

OOPS...

There's one bit in the film *M* where he's on a flight simula thing. I'd just been on a simu in San Antonio, and he did a same daft things that I did... say is that it was just like watching myself... uh-oh, d think I'm turning into Mr Bean?

AND NEVER AGAIN!

We've just been go-karting – and I don't like go-karting cos the other lads always run me into the tyre barriers and I always finish last! I'm putting my foot down and saying next time, we have to go bowling, ice skating or sailing... mind you, I can't ice skate either!

EXCLUSIVE WIN!

Listen up, because I have a very special Hard Rock C baseball cap, signed by us all, to give away as a souve our trip to America. To win, just tell me the title of o Hercules song... Full competition details are on page

Anyway! I'm running off to lunch now. I've kept Shane downstairs for ages already. Until next time, take care

God Bless

GOSSIP

he plug was pulled halfway through **COOLIO**'s erformance at London's recent Essential Weekender estival but the rapper managed to stay cool, natch. "All of the bands who performed before me overran so my turn came really late," a chilled-out Coolio explained. "Just 15 minutes into my set the sound was turned off as they'd run out of time. What did I do? I threw my mic off the stage and walked off. It's happened before and I've been in this business too long to let it bother me. I'll just show them next time, ha ha!"

TOP OF THE POPS ON THE RADIO!

You read the magazine, you watch the show, now your ears can do some work by listening to *Top Of The Pops* on the radio! It all happens an hour before the weekly chart rundown, so set your dial for Radio 1 at 3pm every Sunday. It's pop, pop, pop, all the way!

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE ROBBIE!

ROBBIE found himself in deep doo-doo when lots of rudie four-letter type words crept into his recording of *Every Time We Say Goodbye* for a new charity album, *Come Again*, to help community music projects. "It was late at night and I was in the middle of the song when I noticed lots of people staring at me in the studio," explained Rob, his gobby gob freshly washed out with soap. "So obviously I started shouting at them, using lots of, erm, colourful words. But they've all been edited out because the album people got scared. It's like, 'Oooh, Rob swearing, too scary!'" Perhaps they would have been better calling the alb *Don't Come Again*!

WIN!

To win one of 25 *Come Again* CDs featuring Robbie, Dubstar, Kenickie, Fun Lovin' Crims and many more, just tell us the name of Robbie's new album. Send your answer, marked **Come Again Please** to our usual competition address, full details on page 76.

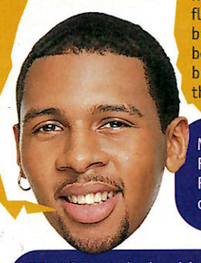
BBC RADIO 1 ONE the net

All the top talk straight from the stars' mouths on Radio 1...

I'm sure I get most of the words wrong. I'm probably swearing at them for all I know!

RONAN KEATING on singing Boyzone's *Words* in Spanish.

We like the same kind of girls, but we have rules. We don't move in on each other's girlfriends.

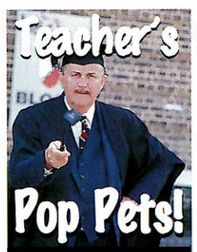


DAMAGE put the band before the babes... at least for now.

R Kelly's afraid of flying and rides a bus everywhere. He believes he can fly but he hasn't got off the runway yet!

MRS CHANGING FACES on why R KELLY is fond of his bus pass.

Catch The Net every weekday on Radio 1 at 1.15pm and 5.15pm.



Pop Pets!

Has your teacher ever taught any pop peep? We're looking for Scary Spice's maths teach, Kav's biology master or anyone who ever taught poptastic pupils. If yours has, send a picture of your pop teach and your telephone number to Teacher's Pop Pets *TOTP Magazine* Room A1047 BBC Worldwide 80 Wood Lane London W12 0TT.

Putting the wind up Hurricane #1

"We weren't supposed to have the 'one' after our name but this American singer bloke already had the name Hurricane and was threatening to cause a stink," says Alex Lowe from HURRICANE #1, whose self-titled new alb is about to put the wind up the charts." So, ever been caught in any hurricanes? "No, but we were sat on a plane in Holland once and the wind was wild – we couldn't take off for ages, I was so scared," wibbles Alex. Maybe the soft lads should change their name again, to Light Breeze!

The LOVE BOAT

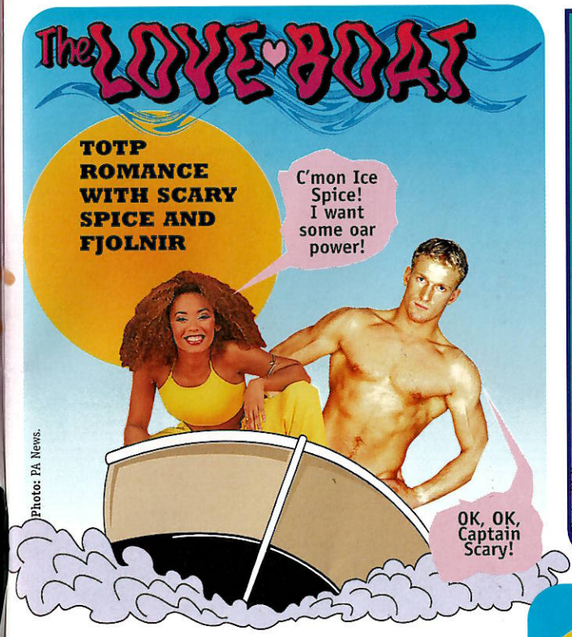


Photo: PA News.

WHAT POP STARS DO ON THEIR DAY OFF

Part 9: Noel pops round to No 10 for tea with Tone.

Photo: PA News

CARTOON CAPERS

MONTAGE are no ordinary band. For starters **LAY-DEE-E**, **RONI-B** and **SPRYCE PRYCE** have their own comic strip ("We make our characters do loads of wild stuff"), they put paper bags on their heads and draw faces on them ("Don't do this at home!") and they nick Backstreet Boys' knickers. And there's more...

What's the rudest thing you've ever done?
We pulled down our manager's trousers once. We jumped on him, pinned him down and off they came!

How much would someone have to pay you to pose topless?
Billions and billions of pounds! We're not the type to strip off completely, we're more stick your fingers up at people' girls.

And what do you think of girl power?
Let's just say we're dominant, we say what we feel, we say what we want, and if you don't like it, then don't look our way!

Montage's new single, *In The City*, is out this month. Check it out, or else...

WIN POP STAR CLOTHES!

GEORGE SIGNS FOR YOU!

We have 15 copies of **GEORGE MICHAEL**'s latest single, *You Have Been Loved*, including FIVE personally signed by the man himself. We're also offering 15 special edition Georgy t-shirts, which are not available in shops. To win a CD and teesh, just tell us the name of George Michael's latest album.

YOU COULD LOOK LIKE PUFF!

Now if George teeshes aren't your style, we also have FIVE sets of **PUFF DADDY** goodies to give away featuring a Puff shirt, hat and his latest alb, *No Way Out*. To enter you just need to answer the following easy question: Puff Daddy's song, *I'll Be Missing You*, is about which rapper?

Send your answers on a postcard marked either, George's Sig OR I Wanna Look Like Puff depending on which comp you'd like to enter. Send your entry to our normal competition address (full details on page 76). PS. If you're entering both competitions remember to use separate postcards!

TOTP TOP 5 COMPLAIN

Who's been winding up the moaning minnies this mon

1 (RE-ENTRY) PETER ANDR
"Who's that bird?" yelled jealo viewers when a fan mobbed Peter Andre on the *TOTP* stage. "And ho come she gets a hug?" Pete's pe replied, "She's his Auntie Mabel. least that's what Pete told us." Hm

2 (NEW ENTRY) UNIVERSAL
"Oooh I have spots before my screeched 89-year-old grandmoth Ethel, following Universal's frisky pelvis thrusting. "Your complaint' been noted madam," said *TOTP* pe "Who's complaining?" replied Eth

3 (RE-ENTRY) GAZZA B
"All the colour's drained out of face!" moaned Minnies about Ga switches from black and white to colour on his last *TOTP* appearanc "We paid good money for our col TV licences! We want a refund!"

4 (NEW ENTRY) COOLIO
"Did the coolster have a late night?" asked thousands of view after his slumbering performance seemed to be having a kip behin those sunglasses!" "Zzzzz, flurbl please," said Coolio. Indeed.

5 (NEW ENTRY) BONO
"Here are some pies 'n' lard fo Bono," said a nation of mothers seeing Mr U2 in his skeleton t-sh "I always told him the fat on his chops was the best bit!" said a concerned Mrs Bono.

TOP FOR GOSSIP!

GOSSIP TREE!

HOW SPORTY SPICE IS RELATED TO MIDDLE HANSON!

SPORTY

WISHES HER MERCEDES (WRAPPED ROUND A LAMPOST BY HER BRUV) STILL LOOKED LIKE THE MERC OF

BABY

IS HOUSE HUNTING AS IS

MADONNA

IS ON A SPESH DIET AS IS

ROBBIE

WORE KANGOL HAT AS DOES

WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CHAT WITH

KIDS ARE FANS OF

IS A COUPLE OF YEARS OLDER THAN

RUNS US LABEL OF

DANNII

HAS FITNESS INSTRUCTOR AS DOES

IS LOOKING TO BUY A PLACE IN IRELAND AS IS

GOES TO LOADS OF FREE DOS AS DOES

LIAM

HAS LOTS OF POSH PAINTINGS AT HOME AS DOES

TONY BLAIR PM

HAD GO AT

DAMON

FANCIES

WENT ON HOLS TO ITALY AS DID

PLAYED FOOTBALL AT PHOENIX FEST AS DID

SPOTTED WITH TROUSERS ROUND ANKLES AS WAS

SHANE BOYZONE

IS BEZZIE MATES WITH

HAD A GO AT BAND OF

NOEL

LIVES IN SAME STREET AS

GOLDIE

SCARY

PAPARAZZI TOOK SECRET HOLIDAY PHOTOS AS HAPPENED TO

HAS ALMOST AS MUCH GOLD IN TEETH AS HAS (ON ONE FINGER)

POSH

SPENDS DOSH ON CARS AS DOES

OCCASIONALLY HAS ROWS WITH

LIKES TO RELAX BY ZOOMING ABOUT IN HIS CAR AS DOES

GINGER

DOESN'T LIKE AMERICA UNLIKE

IS BEZZIE MATES WITH FRANK BRUNO UNLIKE

SQUIGGLE

LOVES TALKING TO FANS ON INTERNET UNLIKE (IT RUINS THE NAILS DARLING!)

BAND IS NOT AS BIG IN MALAYSIA AS

JON BON JOVI

HAS BOUNCERS AS BIG AS HOUSES AS SOMETIMES HAS

IS A BIG FAN OF BAND OF

SPIKE 911

HANGS OUT WITH HOLLYWOOD MATES AS DOES

WILL SMITH

HURT HIS ANKLE WHILE DANCING AS DID

TJ 3T

COULD PARTY THE PANTS OFF

ONCE RAN HAIRDRESSERS AS DID PARENT OF

KEITH BOYZONE

LIKES SCI-FI AS DOES

IS ON HERCULES CARTOON SOUNDTRACK AS IS

HAS BEEN HANGING OUT IN LA AS HAS

HAD PRIVATE TUTOR AS HAS

ITH PRODIGY

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PETER ANDRE

HAS BECOME MATES WITH

WANTS TO MAKE MOVIES AS DOES

ONCE HAD LONG HAIR BIT LIKE

COOLIO

I'm on holiday!

STEPHEN BOYZONE

MISSES HOME LOTS AS DOES

LOVES FURRY SQUIRRELS AS DOES

WON A GRAMMY (US VERSION OF BRIT AWARDS) AS WILL PROBABLY

MIDDLE HANSON

HEY COOL

MORE TOTP SECRETS

1 How clever! BRIAN BACKSTREET was so small when he was a schoolboy, he hid in a tiny cupboard to escape the claws of a horrible bully!

2 How naughty. LEE from CODE RED once worked in a video shop and would hire films out to his friends for a quid.

3 How strange. After performing the first gig of his Natural tour in Bournemouth, PETER ANDRE went temporarily deaf in his right ear.

4 When LEE from 911 went to Minorca on holiday recently he spent the whole time being followed around by crowds of seven-year-olds. Aah!

5 Poor MARK OWEN. For the past year his clothes have been kept in a big pile on his bedroom floor as he hasn't had enough time to buy a wardrobe!

6 How amazing! It was actually PUFF DADDY falling off the motorbike in the opening scene of the *I'll Be Missing You* video – it was a real accident not a stunt!

7 Would you believe it? JOHNNY X from KENICKIE once stole a box of eggs from his mum's cupboard and blamed it on LAUREN who was told off.

8 How horrible! SHELLIE from ALISHA'S ATTIC once shaved off sister KAREN's eyebrows causing Karen to cry for a week.

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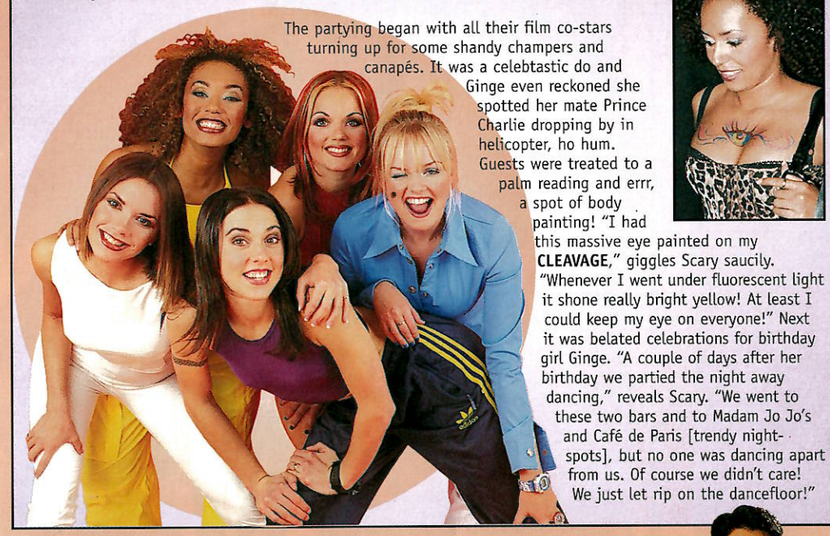
THE MONTHLY SPICE

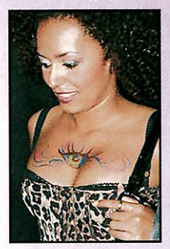
What's what. Officially!

PARTY OF FIVE!

It's been party, party, party for the Spicies this month. What with the end of film bash and Ginger's birthday celebrations, even Posh is running out of black dresses to wear!!

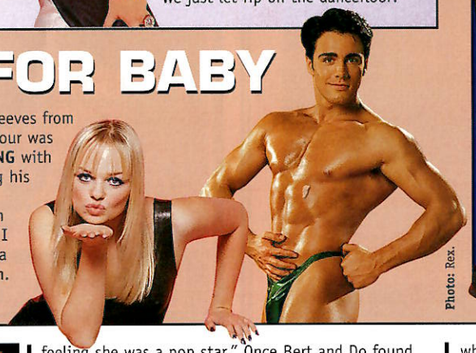


The partying began with all their film co-stars turning up for some shandy champers and canapés. It was a celebtastic do and Ginge even reckoned she spotted her mate Prince Charlie dropping by in helicopter, ho hum. Guests were treated to a palm reading and errr, a spot of body painting! "I had this massive eye painted on my **CLEAVAGE**," giggles Scary saucily. "Whenever I went under fluorescent light it shone really bright yellow! At least I could keep my eye on everyone!" Next it was belated celebrations for birthday girl Ginge. "A couple of days after her birthday we partied the night away dancing," reveals Scary. "We went to these two bars and to Madam Jo Jo's and Café de Paris [trendy night-spots], but no one was dancing apart from us. Of course we didn't care! We just let rip on the dancefloor!"



DREAM BOY FOR BABY

Has Baby Spice been having steamy seshes with Alan Reeves from saucy male dance group The Dream Boys? Well, the rumour was that Em had been spotted on the dancefloor **SMOOCHING** with the Dream Boy who appears in the *Spice* movie wiggling his bottom. So we decided to ask her straight out. "It's absolutely untrue!" wailed a distressed Baby. "Alan is in the film but that's as far as it went. I don't even think I spoke to him that much. I wouldn't be seen dead with a Dream Boy!" Better put your clothes back on then, Alan.



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SPICE In Brief

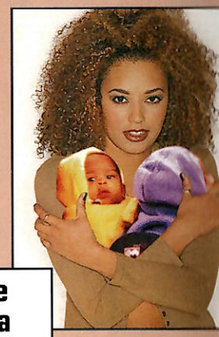
SCARY CAUGHT SHORT!

Two pensioners had the surprise of their life when a chauffeur knocked on their door and asked whether the celeb he was driving could use their loo! It was none other than Scary! "Bert and I are a bit past *Top Of The Pops*," said Doris Hart from her bungalow, "but I had a feeling she was a pop star." Once Bert and Do found out who'd squatted on their 'throne' they were overjoyed. "Bert was so chuffed he put a **PLAQUE** on the toilet boasting, 'Scary Spice peed here!'" beamed Doris. Just another bog standard day for Scary then.

SPORTY ON THE ROAD!

Congratulations to Sporty who **PASSED** her driving test last month! Strangely though, Mel, who like the rest of the Spicies was given a £30,000 Mercedes when they finished filming their movie, has been spotted driving her little N-reg Fiesta instead! pal of Mel explained, "She wants to spend a few day getting used to the roads before she takes the Merc out." Bet it's easier to park too!

SCARY HAS A BUN IN THE OVEN



Gossip-mongers have been putting in extra mongering practise over the news that Scary is planning to have a **CHILD** with boyfriend Fjolnir (ie Ice Spice)! However, Scary is quick to quash this rumour. "That's not true!" she told us, outraged at the idea. too young to have ba yet! I told *TOTP Maga* last month that I wo like children, eventua but one of the papers nicked the quote and made out I wanted kids now. You can't put a time having a baby. It's like putting a time on when yo going to have a poo – like, erm, I'll be going at 1 tomorrow morning. Who knows!" Erm, who indeed!

"It's like putting a time on when you're going to have a poo!"

GINGER'S SURPRISE SURPRISE

It was all go on August 6 when Ginge celebrated her 25th birthday. The onl thing was the poor girl had to **WORK**! "The day of my birthday I was doing a photo shoot for *Arena* [posh bloke's mag]!" moans Geri. Still, the rest of the Spicies hadn't forgotten her. "The girls sent me virtually a garde of flowers and a big bowl of fruit," she grins. "Then later we all went to Bibbendum, this trendy restaurant in London." It was there that the girls revealed Ginge's birthday present. "They bought me a huge tummy ring made of white gold with a sapphire hanging from it, and I mean a *huge* one. It's beautiful. I was so gob-smacked." Now that's a special prez!

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Thought for the day: If it's gone off chuck it in the bin!

SHOCKER!

KEITH PRODG FANCIES SQUIRRELS?!

THE RUMOUR WAS: KEITH from the **PRODIGY** went AWOL during the recent leg of their Canadian tour so he could go and study squirrels.

THE TRUTH IS: A Squirrel Nutkin? Well, nearly. According to the Prodigy's press officer it's a severe case of exaggeration. "In Toronto they have a very unusual charcoal black squirrel. Keith spotted one during a photo shoot and yes, it did momentarily hold his attention but it's not like he's a squirrel fanatic." So, it's just another one of those annoying squirrel half-truths.

NOEL SIGNS UP FOR THE BIG ISSUE?!

EXCLUSIVE!

THE RUMOUR WAS: **OASIS** star **NOEL GALLAGHER** signed six copies of *The Big Issue* for a seller who then sold them for a tenner each!

THE TRUTH IS: A *Big Issue*, sir? Yes. "Noel's always doing charitable stuff like that," said a Creation spokesperson. "If someone asks him for his autograph in the street he always gives them one. This *Big Issue* seller could obviously spot a golden opportunity when he saw it. Maybe he ought to become a businessman!" Hmmm, we've got a few thousand copies of *TOTP* for Noel to sign when he's ready!

DAMON IN BUM SHOW?!

THE RUMOUR WAS: **BLUR**'s **DAMON ALBARN** was dancing so frantically at a gig by Icelandic band Un Un that he didn't notice his jeans had slipped down and his boxer shorts were on show!

THE TRUTH IS: A novelty-panted yes! "Damon was leaping about the whole time," said an employee of the gig venue. "I think he might have been suffering from shandy booze exhaustion. When he left (carried out by two mates) his trousers were virtually round his ankles!" Looks like Damon got a bit of a bum deal!

SHOCKER!

RADIOHEAD ARE 'TOO NICE' SHOCK?!

THE RUMOUR WAS: All of **RADIOHEAD** are so polite that they tidy up after bands who trash hotels!

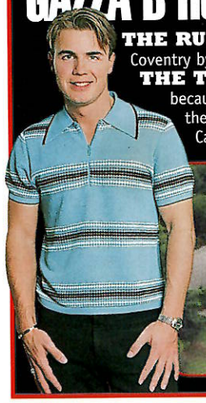
THE TRUTH IS: An oh, 'you first, oh no, after you', no. "The rumour about them tidying up after other bands has been about for years," said the 'Head's spokesperson. "I can categorically state that the lads have never so much as picked up a crushed Pepsi can for another band. They're rock musicians not street cleaners! They are polite but they wouldn't take it that far!" Oh, well, let's hope they at least keep their own bedrooms tidy!

HOWIE D HAS GOT IT IN THE NECK FOR NEW GIRL?!

THE RUMOUR WAS: **HOWIE D** is having a fang-tastic fling with Lucy Armstrong, the girl whose neck he bites in the vid for *Everybody (Backstreet's Back)*.

THE TRUTH IS: A pain in the neck no. "Howie did fancy the girl," says the Boys' press officer, "but nothing happened. The girl's name is actually Josie and she's a model for Elite Premier. All the boys are single! They haven't got time for girlfriends." This is one story that just hasn't got any teeth!

GAZZA B HOUNDED OUTTA TOWN?!



THE RUMOUR WAS: **GARY BARLOW** is being sent to Coventry by residents of his home town, Frodsham in Cheshire.

THE TRUTH IS: A very spiteful yes. Apparently it's all because locals are not pleased by Gary's DIY skills. "He's turned the place into a cross between a World War II prison camp and Caesar's Palace," said Gaz's neighbour John Finch. "He's ruining the area with his millions." Gazza, fortunately, is rising above such mud slinging. "Jealousy's a very bad thing," he said. "I'm settling in a beautiful area. Home, that's what Frodsham is. And it always will be."

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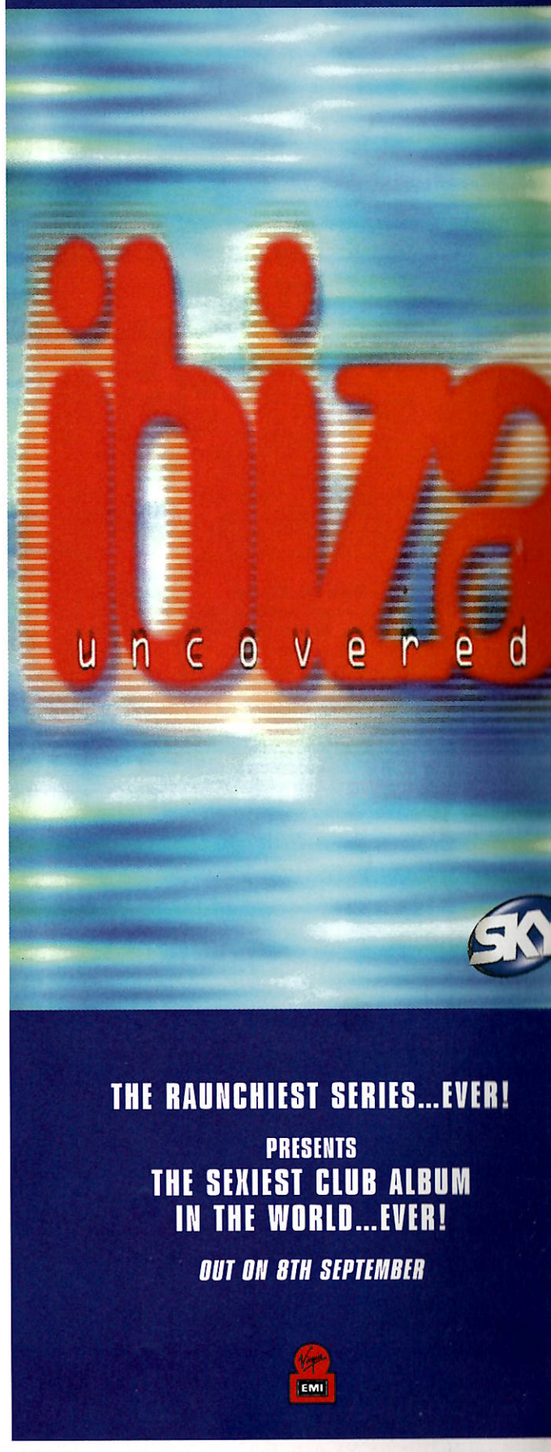

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SPICIES RULE THE WORLD!

en your job is being a SPICE GIRL, people will anything for you – even straighten the grass er you've walked on it. We asked the girls to us just how they can get away with murder enever they fancy...

ou have staff to look after each bit of our bod!
When we were filming *Spice: The Movie* there e person employed especially to do my hair, r person to do my make-up and another to ait for it – my nails. Good, eh? It was manic! y, saying that, by the end of the film it wasn't uch fun having everyone pulling and tugging at the same time, but you know me, I don't very long attention span. Sitting still for than two seconds is quite an effort you know!

our lies are bigger than Buck Pal. Blimey!
inge: I've been invited to a royal wedding eek. Emma's marrying Prince William and then e Queen Spice! Oh, and do you know I share me palm reader as Princess Di, and Victoria hopping with her while Melanie C trains down m with her. I've even been known to water s' plants while he's on holiday. Did I talk to Of course! Emma was there the other day g chess with William. And what does Scary do? st chases the ginger one around.

eople place their life savings on you going o No 1 at Christmas!
: We're planning to release er beautiful ballad around mas time again this year. Do ect it to go to No 1? Who ? We don't expect things at, we only hope!

ven people in space will e watching your first probably!)
We're very excited about st gig coming up. Are we s? No, we don't worry about these days. We're used to big things now and I think ul, no matter how huge, is to be exciting more than ening. I'm only nervous these days when my in the audience!

The only celeb left you want to meet is a man in black.
: I'd love to meet Will Smith! What would I say et him? I'd tell him I'd like to be his underwear, guess Mrs Smith might have something to say that. Then again, you can always try!

You spend your loose change on the odd motor vehicle!
I like to think I'm quite a generous person, I really like to treat people. I bought my sister and brother a car each recently, but maybe that says more about my fetish for cars! I'm car crazy. I bought my new car because I fancied a change, something new. What about David's car? Oh, all those stories about me making him sell his BMW to buy a Porsche were untrue. He did it himself, it was nothing to do with me!

"I've been invited to a royal wedding next week. Emma's marrying Prince William and then she'll be Queen Spice!" – Ginge

The postie brings you free knicks!
Baby: When I opened my post the other morning I couldn't believe what tumbled out of the envelope! Would you believe someone had sent me a pair of black lacy knickers! And they were from a girl! Was I upset? No, more amused she'd got my size a bit wrong! They were huuuge!

A quick squiggle is worth trillions of squids!
Sporty: When we were making the movie we did a lot of filming in hospitals, and when we were finished we'd pop into the children's wards to say hello. It makes you realise how well off you actually are. Some mornings I moan when I have to get up early and I have loads on, when I should be thinking how lucky I am. We do what we can for charity and it's mad! You know, we can just sign a photograph which to us is absolutely nothing, it takes two seconds and it can raise hundreds of pounds.

Everyone wants to go on holiday with you. (And they do, sort of!)
Scary: When I went away on holiday recently I had no idea I was being followed by the press! I only had four days to chill out and I'd been looking forward to a really normal holiday. I tell you now, If I'd known they were there I'd have beaten them up!

You can kick people's heads in!
Ginge: We had an end of movie party once the very final piece of filming was finished. It was held in a huge house and there was a big swing in the garden. Emma and I were swinging on it, going back ▶

"The most famous phone numbers in my filofax are the other Spice Girls." – Posh

"Nothing can stop us! We believe if you want something badly enough you can achieve it! With us, there are no limits!" – Sporty

forth when, would you believe it, we spotted her
ysiotherapist. We were going to say hello but
ma accidentally sort of kicked him in the head.
nearly knocked him out cold!

You meet all the old wrinklies your parents once 'jived' to!

Dy: We've met loads of famous people on our
vels – the most exciting ones are always people
o've been making music for ages, like Elton John
Diana Ross. When I met Diana it was so exciting
ause my mum loves her. I rang to tell her and
was even more excited than me!

Your boyf names his car after you!

Posh: Is it a coincidence that the
istration on David's car says VDB (ie,
toria David Beckham)? Yes it is, honestly.
n make people do a lot of things, but
n I wouldn't ask him to buy a car just
ause the registration had our initials
it. In fact, the first thing he thought
en he saw it was, 'Oh no, I'm gonna
ve the mickey taken out of me when
o to work tomorrow!' Of course, now
been in the papers everyone keeps
ng on about it!

You send bottoms running for safety all over the nation!

ge: I wouldn't pinch just
body's bottom you know. It's
en the urge takes me. How
en does the urge happen? Erm,
99 per cent of the time. If
ottie is pert and inviting
ugh, I'll do it. It's my kind of
ndly way of saying hello. What
de me pinch Charlie's? I liked
eccentricity and I liked his
s. *(Pauses.)* And his bottom!

Even a 50mph steam roller can't stop you!

rty: Nothing can stop us! We
ieve if you want something
lly enough you can achieve
With us, there are no limits!

You'd rather snog a lobster!

nge: I've stopped snogging
ogether now! I just can't be
thered with all that stuff. On my
thday I had lobster for tea, that
s much better than a snog any day!

You have a food fight cleaner!

Ginge: We were all eating out the
er night in a lovely
taurant when the
ers dared me to flick
uge blob of ice cream
oss the table. Knowing
t I can't refuse a dare,
id and before we knew
a full scale food fight
d broken out. Did we
an up when we'd
ished. Oh no, we made
uick exit!

Celeb boyfriends are a yawn!

Posh: I don't date a celebrity out of
pice, you know. I've never really looked at
yone famous and thought, 'Cor, I fancy
n!' To tell you the truth, I
n't have any celebrity
ends. The most famous
one numbers in my Filofax
the other Spice Girls. OK,
everyone knows I go out
th David Beckham, but
ntrary to what people think,
en we go out we never do
ything flash. We'd rather go
mewhere private than posh.

You need a hat to go shopping!

Scary: When I was on the cover of *Pride* magazine I popped into a newsagent to buy a copy. The lady at the till pointed at the cover and said in a loud voice, 'Oooh, she's my favourite Spice Girl.' I thought she was about to say, 'And it's you, isn't it?' except she didn't. It only dawned on me later she hadn't recognised me because I was wearing a hat!

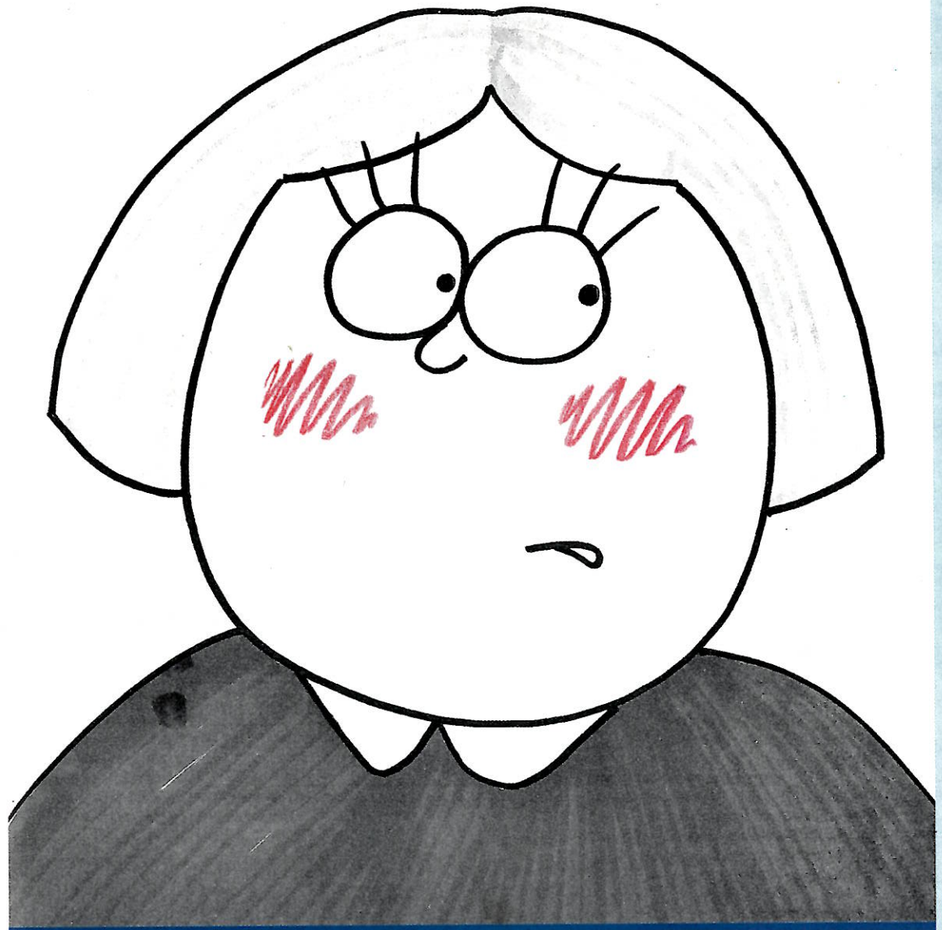
The Spice Girls' new single, Spice Up Your Life, is out next month! TOTP POR

"When I went away on holiday recently I had no idea I was being followed by the press!" – Scary

"The only thing that makes me nervous these days is when my mum's in the audience!" – Baby

WIN SOME SCARY HAIR!

After our recent photo session with the Spice Girls, Scary chopped off a lock of her hair to give away as a competition prize. To enter, tell us the name of Scary's sister who recently appeared on TV. Call 0891 717079 to leave your answer, name and address or send your answer on the back of a postcard marked Hairy Scary to our usual comp address (full details on page 76).



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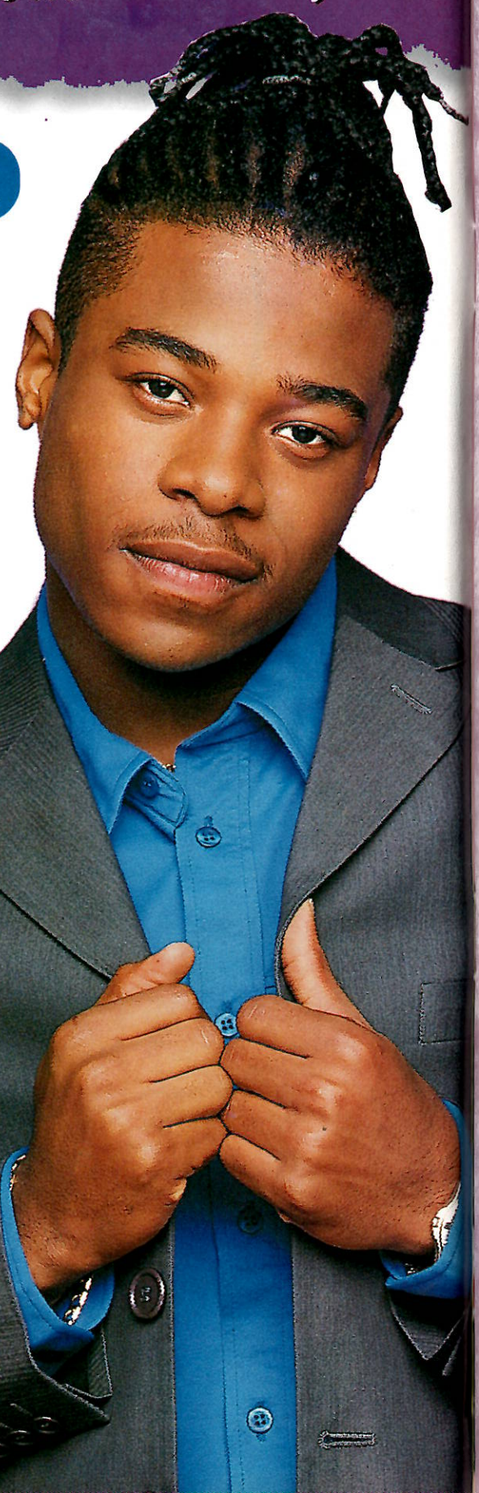
REAL LIFE STORY

"Some people have a problem with my skin colour."

by Andrez from Damage



ANDREZ HARRIOTT still comes up against prejudice but has learnt how to deal with it.

hen were you last hassled because of your colour?
e band were just leaving an airport in Germany on r way to support Boyzone. When we were going rough immigration six of us were pulled over by the ards on duty. It didn't take a genius to realise why ey'd chosen us out of 200 people on the plane – we re the only black passengers. It got our backs up mediately. It was so blatantly obvious.

d anyone explain what was going on?
, not a word. I was led off into this room where the ards made me take off most of my clothes. I was left st standing in my underpants. They searched my cks, trousers, everything I had on. It was ridiculous. e were on business, we weren't smuggling drugs or ything. We'd been all around the world and no one d ever treated us like that. They didn't even say ease or thank you and there were no apologies. I nted to say something, but I don't think they'd ve given me the time of day.

ere you scared?
ell, they did have guns in their holsters which made think that maybe something nasty could happen. u hear stories of people being beaten up in custody d I didn't want to get thumped by anyone. Just fore the end of the search I asked them why they re doing this and they told me it was to keep us der control. They never said outright that it was cause I was black, but that statement summed it up.

ve you come up against this kind of thing before?
grew up in Eltham in south east London and the tional Front had plenty of rallies in the streets arby. Almost from the second I was born I realised at some people have a problem with the colour of y skin. There were always fights in the ayground between black and white kids. ople called me names or made stupid marks, but you learnt to deal with it. You rtainly didn't go home on your own if you d a detention, you got your mates to wait r you. It's sad but it's a way of life.

ow did you deal with it?
rt of you wants to wade in and have a fight, t it's much better to embarrass people if ey say something offensive. I don't like ing referred to as coloured, I'm black and people say I'm coloured I'll make sure they ow I don't like it. However, the fact that I'm ccessful is enough to shut some people up. Many of y teachers at school said I'd never get anywhere, but ok where I am today. I bet a lot of their kids have r posters on their walls.

o you think racism has stopped you doing things?
believe we've come up against obstacles – even in rts of the music business – because we're black. If wanted to be a lawyer or solicitor I may have run to problems, and when I told my mum I wanted to join the army she warned me off it. She said it would be like 24 hours of racism every day. Attitudes like that make me more determined to do well. I'm sure some people felt very sick when we made it into the charts with *Wonderful Tonight* and *Forever,* and that's great.

Do you think the racism problem can be solved?
It's difficult because, unfortunately, it's the way of the world, just like wars are. I was at school at the time Stephen Lawrence was murdered just near to where I live and I often think that it could so easily have been me. That's frightening, but you can either sit back and dwell on things like that or go out and do something about it. I'm making something of myself and that's good enough revenge for anyone who had a go at me.

What advice would you give to someone who'd suffered racism?
Racism is fear and lack of understanding of another culture. Some kids are just brought up believing that black people smell or are horrid people. That's not their fault, they just don't know any different. When I was young I talked to my mum about racism and she helped me out a lot. Speak to people, tell the teachers if you're being picked on. Be proud of who you are though and go after what you want. Taunt those bullies with your successes.

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"The guards made me take off my clothes. I was left standing in my underpants."

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TOTP INTERROGATES...

LOUISE

"Sure LOUISE doesn't mind being interrogated!" came the reply from Louise's spokesperson. "Just no questions about you know who if you please!" Hmm, we'll have to see about that!

Your first solo tour is nearly upon us. Will you be singing totally live?
Yes, I'll be singing live alongside my live nine-piece band! I'll have some backing vocalists too because some of the songs are difficult to sing at the same time as doing the dance routines. It'll be good to have some help during the big dance breaks, like in *Naked*.

Will you be visiting a voice coach before the tour?
Yeah, a few weeks before. Usually I do my own vocal warm-ups or the producer I'm working with in the studio will do them with me. But because this is my first full live tour on my own, I'll go and see a coach.

The tour is sponsored by Soft & Gentle. Is that the deodorant you use?
Of course!

Oh, come on!
You know what, if I'm really honest, I'm one of those people who just picks up any deodorant when I'm in the supermarket. But since Soft & Gentle came on board to sponsor the tour I look out for them when I'm shopping, and that's what I buy!

It's not exactly the most, erm, trendy of products to be sponsored by, is it?
Well, no. But it wasn't about trend-setting, it was about keeping the ticket price to my shows as low as possible, and by having Soft & Gentle as my sponsor, I can do that. In return for me promoting their product they pay an amount of money, and we use that to make the tour good. If they hadn't paid it, the extra costs would have been added to the price of the tickets.

So how much money did they have to pay for you to promote their product?
That I'm not sure, so it would be really wrong for me to guess at a figure without knowing exactly.

Hmm. Will you be performing any cover versions during the show?
I'll be doing something by Earth Wind And Fire ('70s flare-wearers who sang the song Stretch 'n' Vern sampled on *I'm Alive*), so I'm expecting everyone to bring their dancing shoes and afro wigs!

Will you be doing any Eternal songs?
There might be a little tribute to the girls in there, yes. My manager Oliver said he thought it would be a good idea to do an Eternal song and I was concerned as to whether they'd mind. But he said they wouldn't! As for which song I'm doing, that's a secret!

OK, so what was your favourite Eternal song when you were in the group?
(Smirks) Stay!

When did you last speak to Vernie Eternal?
Um, quite a while ago. *(Perks up.)* Actually, that's not true! I saw her about two months ago at the opening night of *Beauty And The Beast*. She brought her cousin Beverley. I'd be lying if I said we kept in regular contact, we don't. But we both have good intentions, we're just both really busy!

Will you be on the cover of the forthcoming Eternal greatest hits album?
I doubt it. No, I shouldn't think so. I guess there will be songs on it from the first album, and I doubt they'd take my vocals off, but I don't think that warrants me being on the front. I chose to leave Eternal, I don't expect to reap the rewards years down the line!

Now, brilliant as it is, your new single *Arms Around The World* sounds like Janet Jackson's *Runaway*. How do you plead, guilty or not guilty?
Arghhhh, I know the bit you mean, it's at the beginning, isn't it?! Oh, it's really aggravating you know because all we've done is use the same instrument which has created the same sound. I hope people aren't going to penalise me for one little bit sounding the same. It wasn't done intentionally, it was only when the song was finished I noticed it, and because it led so nicely into the song I decided to keep it!

But everyone knows you're a big Janet fan, you can't blame people if they draw the connection!
A few people have said it to me already. The next time someone says it I'm gonna say, 'I know, don't tell me!'

It's over a year ago since you took your top off for the cover of *Sky* magazine. It wasn't really very you, was it?
No, it wasn't was it? But I didn't go naked remember. I wore a bra top and they covered it up with their headline to make me look naked. I recently did photos for *FHM* magazine and I felt just as nervous. Did I take my top off? Ohmigod, nooo! I'd never do that and I don't think I'd be asked as people know what I'm like!

Are you as sweet and innocent as you appear to be?
I'm sorry?!

Are you, erm, as polite and kind as you appear to be?
My mum did her best!

Well, it's just that it's hard to imagine you swearing when you stub your toe while you're doing the hoovering in your bra and knickers!
Everyone has two sides to them, and one of my sides is the side that swears when I stub my toe while I'm hoovering in my bra and knickers. I love a good swear. In fact, I know words I bet you didn't know existed!

Were Shane and Ronan noisy upstairs neighbours?
Do you know what? They were never there, they were always away working. I never saw them!

Do you receive dirty fan mail?
I don't, unless it's kept from me. Actually, I definitely don't because when I pick my fan mail up it's unopened. My letters are usually from teenagers.

We've been told you don't want to talk about your relationship with Jamie Redknapp...
It's just a very personal thing for me. It's a private thing. I know some people would love to shout it from the nearest roof top, but that isn't me!

But why did you deny you were seeing him?
At the time when everyone thought I was having a relationship with Jamie, I wasn't. We were honestly just good friends, for about two and a half years before we started having a relationship. We hit it off as friends from day one and now it's nice because the friendship existed first. It was never like an instant, 'Cor, I fancy you.' That just happened after a few years!

So, how long have you been together as a couple?
Not very long, but long enough. Is that a good enough answer?

Yes! Have you met his mum?
Of course.

Have you been to her house for tea?
Of course. Jamie has a lovely family.

Did you decide to announce your engagement in *The Sun* newspaper?
No. I didn't want to tell anybody, but I can't be cross with *The Sun* because they wrote about it in a really kind way.

Why aren't you wearing your engagement ring?
I never wear jewellery at a photo shoot because my look doesn't require jewellery. My jewellery goes on when I go home!

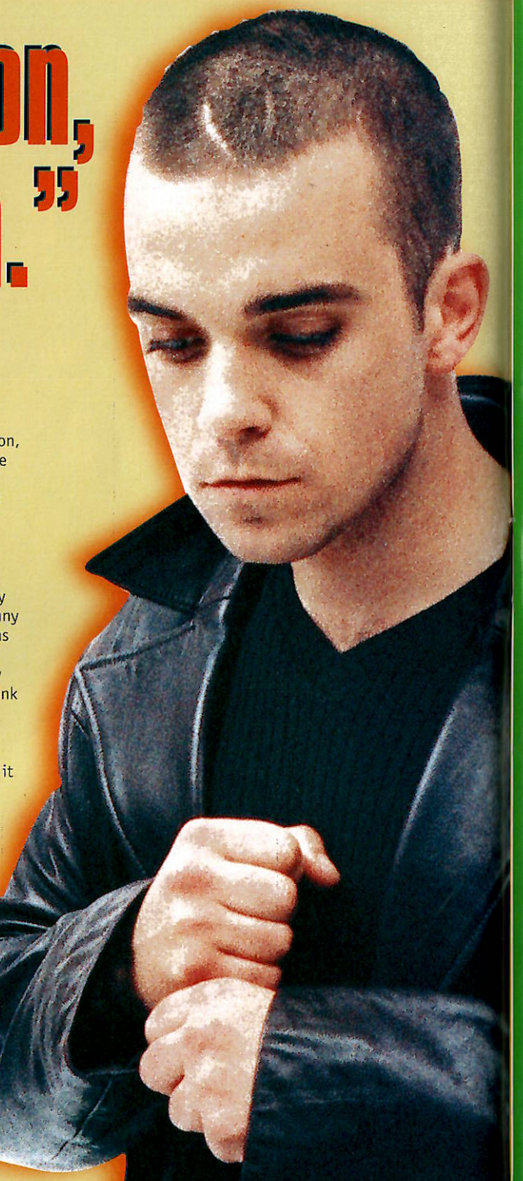
Could we run a competition where we offer 50 people the chance to come to your wedding?
Are you serious?

No.
Oh phew. Is that the last question?!

TOP POP

"I'm not a bad person, I just had a problem."

ROBBIE speaks frankly to TOTP about drink, the court case and Anna Friel...



It's good to see you looking so well...
Yeah, I'm feeling great at the moment. But I'm taking each day as it comes.

How have you managed to lose weight so quickly?
Easy, I just stopped drinking and the pounds fell off.

Your new alb, *Life Thru A Lens,* is about to come out. Will you read all the reviews?
Well, it will be interesting just to see what musical pigeonhole people try to put me in. The music is a big change from Take That. People may have difficulty liking it because it's me, but I love what I have done. *(Gives big Robbie grin.)* It's fantastic.

Your lyrics on the album are at times painfully honest, especially *Clean* (about coming off drink and drugs) and *Ego A Go Go* (about people on star trips). Don't you want to keep anything private?
My lyrics are really personal but that's just the way I write. Anyway, so much of my private life is on display, why should I worry? Then again there are times when I think I should be more guarded about what I say to people. When I was in Take That everything was controlled and we were very careful about what we did and said. I'm not like that now, you may have noticed!

Your song *One Of God's Better People* is all about your mum. How did she react when you first played it to her?
(Rob takes a big gulp of his coffee.) Erm... *(long pause and then with wobbly voice)* ...she cried. It meant a lot to her.

So what was your problem?
The problem was me, it wasn't the drink and drugs, they were a symptom. It's the same with any addiction, like an eating obsession, it's not the food that is the problem but the person. So I checked into rehab to sort my head out. I've learnt to be comfortable with myself and I feel proud of what I've done.

> I think there'll be a new term in the dictionary soon, 'to do a Robbie'. It'll mean when you put your foot in it constantly, ha ha!

What made you seek help?
I just decided that the time was right. Nobody credits me with any sense because I'm Robbie the funny man, but I decided something was wrong. I made that decision. Sometimes I wonder though, how many times I can step in it. I think there'll be a new term in the dictionary soon, 'to do a Robbie'. It'll mean when everything goes arse-up and you put your foot in it constantly, ha ha!

Do you ever take anything seriously? You recently emerged from your court case with former manager Nigel Martin-Smith cracking jokes...
I do have a serious side and being in court is serious, but money is money, that's all. I saved my serious side for a bit of deep thinking in my car on the way back from court. The thing is, if a funny thing pops into my head, I have to say it. It's how I deal with things. I have so much rubbish in my life at the moment that if I let it ride to the top, I'd be lost. So I let things wash over me. It's like, 'Oh, someone else is suing me. Oh well.'

So what's the truth about you and Anna Friel?
She's a good mate and still is, despite what the papers say. For a time we were both vulnerable, we both needed support and gave it to each other. But there was no bitter break-up and now we have a really good friendship.

TOP POP

Last time we spoke, you said you were lucky because the newspapers had been kind to you. So what changed?
Well, I've had a problem, that's obvious. The papers wrote about my problem, but only *The Mirror* turned on me. I used to do a lot of people-pleasing when it came to the press, I thought if I gave everybody an exclusive then they'd all love me. That's not how it works. Some people don't like me, some will never like me, others will. It doesn't concern me, it used to, but not any more. The important thing is that I'm not a bad person, I just had a problem.

Words: Susie Boone

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DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN?

s OASIS begin the hottest tour on the planet, the brothers Gallagher give two very fferent interviews. NOEL talks about marriage, the next album and Horlicks! Meanwhile, IAM reveals all about Bon Jovi, the pressures of stardom and, erm, not having a telly...

HERE'S WHAT NOEL HAD TO SAY...

w's married life?
tastic. My wife Meg reckons it's rubbish, though 's said that before! It's great because we're totally ove. Actually it's no different to being single cos e been seeing my wife for quite a while, it's just ut growing old together really. Aaah, isn't that nice? rlicks before you go to bed!

e you getting used to your gles going in at No 1?
re still happy when it goes at No 1. Still really proud. like to thank all the people o went out and bought it.

hear you've been working h drum'n'bass star (and boyf of Björk) Goldie.
s a mate, he lives on our street. There's me and Meg, die and Bob Hoskins on our street. He asked us to put he guitar on a track. I'm up for working with anyone.

e you looking forward to touring?
h, it's gonna be good. It'll be eresting to see which gs off the album work best. We've had too ch time off now, much sitting und watching *ghbours*.

t time you ured you arly split How are going stop that pening in?
l, I think re just na spread ut this e. Life on road isn't a l of cherries us. This time re gonna get party boots on have a bit time off cos planet's a place to round.

> "Life on the road isn't a bowl of cherries. This time we're gonna get our party boots on." – Noel

You've got The Verve supporting you on your tour. Are they mates of yours?
The Verve gave us a leg-up in the early days. I see Richard [Ashcroft, The Verve's singer] the whole time and it's nice for us to repay the favour. *Bittersweet Symphony* and *D'You Know What I Mean?* are the two best singles this year by about 25,000 miles.

We've heard that the next album will have a really different sound. Is this true?
By the time we've finished touring it's gonna be about 18 months from now, so it'll be the middle of 1999. Then we plan to take time off and we're gonna be the first band to be in the studio in the year 2000. Two years from now, who knows what kind of music's gonna come along and who we'll be inspired by? These three albums to me are part of the same album, so it'll be time for a change. We've gotta move on.

Will you be going in a dance direction?
I wouldn't expect a *Setting Sun* or *Firestarter* from Oasis, but I think that all technology's there to be used in the right way. I haven't started writing the next album yet so I'm gonna approach it from a different angle anyway. But I'd like to get the Chemical Brothers involved cos they're top lads.

> What did you think of *D'You Know What I Mean?* "Rubbish!" – Liam

AND THIS WAS ABOUT THE BEST LIAM COULD MANAGE...

Did you used to watch *Top Of The Pops* when you were younger?
No, no, we didn't have a telly, man.

Did you enjoy appearing on *TOTP*?
I thought it'd be a lot better.

What do you mean?
I liked doing it. I like doing anything. I thought it'd be a lot fuller. They should have it full – it should be rammed, it should be like a gig.

What's it like...
(Interrupts) What's what like?

...being the best rock band in the world?
Top. *(Thinks)* Kind of orange. Alright, alright. *(Loses concentration)* Let's get it over with. Rock star. Bon Jovi. Rock 'n' roll star.

That's you?
Yeah.

What's it like being married?
Great.

Are you finding it a pressure being so famous?
(Animatedly) I don't believe in pressure. What's pressure? I don't deal in pressure and pressure doesn't deal with me.

What did you think of *D'You Know What I Mean?*
Rubbish!

Do you really believe that?
It's rubbish!

Liam!
It's bobbins *(laughs)*. Of course it's great. I think it's the best one we've ever written, d'you know what I mean? And, like, the new album is the best one we've written and I'm happy with all the songs on it, d'you know what I mean?

Noel and Liam Gallagher were talking to Radio 1's The Net and Top Of The Pops Radio Show.

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FIVE Go Off In A Caravan!

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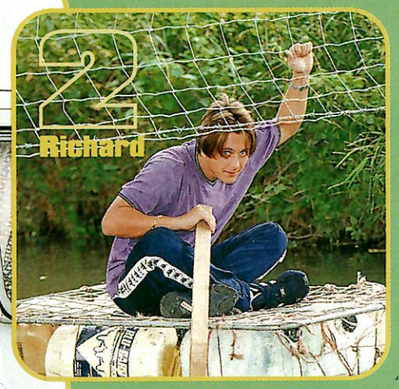


Five in a field of their own?!

In the middle of a quiet field in Oxfordshire sits a caravan. But this is no ordinary caravan. This one rocks wildly from side to side, pieces of food and the odd baked-bean-stained plate make a quick exit from one of the windows and a shoeless foot wiggles out of another. This is a caravan possessed.

"I'm gonna climb out and sit on the top," shouts a voice, through the open roof hatch. "Hey, I want to do that," comes another. "No! I'm the one who's sitting on top," booms a third. After more rocking and bursts of laddish giggling, the door bangs open and a bundle of lads tumble out onto the grass. Five have arrived.

"Aren't cows brilliant?" – Sean

This is meant to be a relaxing Five day out, a chance to enjoy the countryside and answer the call of nature, but like everything else they do, chaos and anarchy rule. There's J (the oldest) and Abs (the fittest) who've been daring each other to swing over barbed wire fences on flimsy branches, while Scott (the chattiest) has been hanging by his fingernails to the the back of a four wheel drive and 16-year-old Sean (the youngest) has been taking the bandmobile for a few handbrake turns, leaving Richard (the softest) to scare a nearby herd of cows with loud mooing noises.

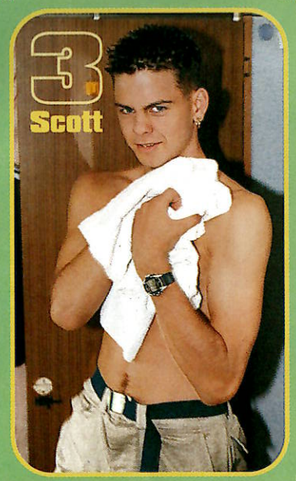
Five alive (just)!

"Careful!" yells Five's manager Chris as J jumps on to a rickety raft of plastic bottles held together by chicken wire. Too late! Abs immediately jumps on the other raft and starts racing J down the river.

Meanwhile Richard and Sean wander over. "I just know I'd fall in if I went on one of those rafts. I'm soooo clumsy," admits Sean. "Ooh no, I don't think that's for me," adds a nervous-looking Richard.

"Go on! Go on, you chickens!" mock J and Abs. Minutes later, Sean is lying spreadeagled, one foot and one hand on the raft, the rest of his limbs clutching on to the grassy bank, screaming. His cries for help are met with more belly-aching laughter. All apart from Rich who is holding a leg in the air, waiting for just the right moment to jump aboard. Suddenly a breathless Scott runs over. "Did you see me? I did a somersault off the top of the caravan!" It's not just the heat that's making manager Chris sweat.

Five insist they're a lad band, not a boy band and you'd be wise to pay attention. They were brought together by father and son management team, Chris and Bob Herbert – the same Herberts who first discovered the Spice Girls, groomed them, put them up in a house and then parted company before the Girls hit the jackpot. It looks like it's second time lucky with Five. There's definitely a strong hint of spicy-ness from the lads and we're not talking sugary boys-next-door here.



Five in the house!

Pity the neighbours then because the lads have moved into their own Five house together. You can just picture the pile of dirty dishes teetering in the sink. "Erm, *I* do some of the washing up, thank you," says J. At 21, he's the oldest member of Five (Daddy Five perhaps) and the one who wakes everyone up in the morning. According to the others he's also the band nutter. When they first moved in, J sprayed fart powder in the loo and locked Richard in for hours "to breathe it in". He also tried to grow dreadlocks "but they grew upwards instead of down!" J also likes older women. "I went out with a 32-year-old when I was 18," he shrugs. "I like women of any age."

Richard likes women too, although he prefers to call them girls. "I've been out with quite a few," he says looking bashful. He has intense blue eyes and describes himself as sensitive and emotional. In spite of his gentleness, he used to sing in a rock band. "See, I'm not all soppy stuff." He can also rustle up "a mean curry and a top spag bol".

You won't find Sean sweating over a hot stove. As he admits, he's the last to get up in the mornings. "J always shouts at me but I like to chill when I wake up." He nearly became a junior professional rugby player but chose music instead, winning a national songwriting competition when he was 13. Oh yes, and he loves cows. "Aren't cows brilliant?" he yells. Hmmmm...

Scott never stops talking. He's also a fussy eater. "I like plain food. Plain ham. Plain chicken. Anything plain really." He's acted on telly ("just small parts") and hates his legs because they're too hairy. He's happiest when he's "having a laugh", which means anything from running down the street in his boxers to chucking water bombs out of a tenth-floor hotel window.

Five and a number two!

If you want a mobile phone in the middle of a field, Abs is your man. He has a gold-fronted one almost permanently attached to his ear. Abs used to be known as Richard until there were two Richards in the band and one name had to go. He'll also do anything for a dare. "Bungee jumping, skydiving, you name it, I'm up for it..."

"Oi, look at me!" Back in the field, J has moved on from the caravan to a ten-foot high haystack where he is perfecting his somersaulting skills. Abs immediately clambers up to a higher stack but then spots a dirty splodge on J's trousers. "Ugghh! You've landed in cow dung!" jeer four of Five.

J is mortified. "It looks like one of Rich's curries!" laughs Sean. J strips to his undies. Boddington shandy booze undies. "Naturally," he grins.

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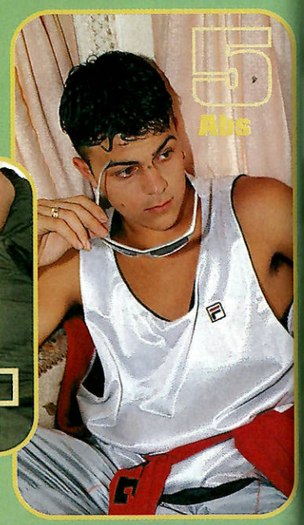

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Dubstar

Cathedral Park

A walk in the park
This happens when something's up
And stays 'til dark
She's writing *Cathedral Park*
But her words are lame
Like her life, and then she says,

Chorus
When you said there's something wrong
It seems like I'm living without you
Of all the ways to hit me
Of all the things to say

A night at the bar
This happens when she's around
Three pints too far
He's a bar fly in lonely town
She sees them off
And then he says

When you said there's something wrong
It seems like I'm living without you
Of all the ways to hit me
Of all the things to say

Repeat chorus x2

Words & music: Hillier
Published: Food Records/EMI 1997
On EMI Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of **25** Dubstar singles answer this question. What's Mrs Dubstar's real name? Mark your postcard **Dubstar Competition** (see page 76 for full competition details).

Photo: Ray Burniston.

hanson

Where's The Love?

(Wah-hoo uh uh woo, yeah)
(Waaahoooah)

Something has been going on and I don't know what it is (Waahoo)
You don't mind the taking, girl, but you don't know how to give (Oooh)
You drove me crazy but I don't know, baby (Oooh)
You're thinking that it's me you're fooling (Oooh)
Where's the right in all of our fighting? (Oooh)
Look at what you're doing

Chorus
Where's the love, it's not enough
It makes the world go round and round and...
Where's the love, give it up
It makes the world go round and round and round

Can you tell what you see whenever you look around? (Rou-ou-nd)
We're tripping all over ourselves and pulling each other down (Oooh)
We're separating, consciousness is fading (Oooh)
Are you thinking that it's me you're fooling? (Oooh)
Where's the right in all of our fighting? (Oooh)
Look at, look at, look at what we're doing

Chorus

Dark clouds all around,
lightning, rain pouring down
Waiting for the bright
light to break through
(Oooh)
Face down on the
ground, pick us up
at the lost and
found (Oooh)
We've got to
change our
point of
view, if we
want the
sky blue
We're segregating, consciences are fading
(Oooh)
You're thinking that it's me you're fooling
(Oooh)
Where's the right in all of our fighting?
(Oooh)
Look at what we're doing

Chorus x2
Won't you, won't you (not enough,
not enough) **to fade**

Words & music: I Hanson/
T Hanson/Z Hanson/M Hudson/
S Salover
Published: Jam N' Bread Music,
administered by Heavy
Harmony Music (ASCAP)/MCA
Music Publishing/Beef Puppet
Music/Sandblaster Music
(SESAC)
On Mercury Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of 25 Hanson singles answer this question. What's the name of Hanson's debut album? Mark your postcard Hanson Competition (see page 76 for full competition details).

Arms Around The World

(All around the world)

All around the world
My love will always be the same
New York or Tokyo
Rome, Paris, Egypt or Spain
Wherever I am I will always think of you
No matter, baby
My love will always
Get to you, yeah

When I think of you
My love can fly

Chorus
You and I
Gonna wrap our loving arms
All around the world
Gonna capture all the love in the universe
Gonna make it shine
And wrap our arms around the world

(You and I)
I swim the ocean
To be with you every night
I cross the desert
And bring to you the Sahara light
(oh oh, yeah yeah)
Wherever I am
I will always come back to you
As long as you're there for me, baby
I'll find you, yeah

When I think of you
My love can fly

Chorus

Oh oh, yeah
Around the world
And wrap our arms around the world, the world

I never thought that I
Could find someone
I never thought that I
Could reach the sun
I never thought that I
Could feel your love
All around the world

Chorus
repeat to fade

Words & music: Nurding/Stee/Holliday
Published: Warner Chappell Music
On EMI Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of 25 Louise singles, answer this question. Which footballer is Louise dating? Mark your postcard Louise Competition (see page 76 for full competition details).

LOUISE

Photo: Ray Burmiston

That's the dress that should've been mine that bought before me that SOLD shoe everyone likes.

Keep up

Some pains you have to live with.

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MARIAH CAREY

Honey

Honey, you can have me
When you want me
If you simply ask me to be there
And you're the only one who
Makes me come running
Cos what you got is far
Beyond compare

And it's just like honey
When your love comes over me
Oh baby, I've got a dependency
Always strung out for another
Taste of honey

Chorus
It's like honey when it washes over me
You know sugar never, ever was so sweet
And I'm dying for
you, crying for you, I adore you
One hit of your love addicted me
Now I'm strung out on you, darling
Don't you see every night and day
I can hardly wait for another taste of honey

Honey, I can't describe
How good it feels inside
Honey, I can't describe
How good it feels inside

I can't be elusive
With you honey
Because it's blatant
That I'm feeling you
And it's too hard for me
To leave abruptly
Cos you're the only thing
I wanna do

And it's just like honey
When your love comes over me
Oh baby, I've got a dependency
Always strung out for another
Taste of honey

Chorus to fade

Words & music: Mariah Carey
Published: Sony/ATV Music
On Columbia Records

WIN! 25 singles

For
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single
answer
question. W
Mariah's last single calle
your postcards **Mariah**
Competition (see page
full competition details)

spiderwebs

You think that we connect
That the chemistry's correct
Your words walk right through my ears
Presuming I like what I hear

And now I'm stuck in the web
You're spinning
You've got me for your prey

Chorus
Sorry I'm not home right now (eeeh)
I'm walking into spiderwebs (eeeh)
So leave a message (eeeh)
And I'll call you back (eeeh)
A likely story, but leave a message (eeeh)
And I'll call you back (eeeh)

You take advantage of what's mine
Yeah, and you're taking up my time
Don't have the courage inside me
To tell you please let me be

Communication, telephonic invasion
I'm planning my escape

Chorus

And it's all your fault
I screen my phone calls
No matter who calls
I gotta scree-ee-ee-n my phone calls

Now it's gone too deep (now it's gone too deep)
You wake me in my sleep (wake me in my sleep)
My dreams become nightmares
(dreams become nightmares)
Cos you're ringing in my ears
Ahhhhhh

Chorus

And it's all your fault
I screen my phone calls
No matter, matter, matter who calls
I gotta scree-ee-ee-n my phone calls

Sorry I'm not home right now
I'm walking into spiderwebs
So leave a message
And I'll call you back
I'm walking into spiderwebs
So leave a message
And I'll call you back

It's all your fault
I screen my phone calls
No matter, matter, matter who calls
I gotta scree-ee-ee-n my phone calls

It's all your fault
It's all your fault
No matter who calls
No matter who calls

I'm walking into spiderwebs
So leave a message
And I'll call you back (ha ha!)
I'm walking into spiderwebs
Leave a message
And I'll call you back (oh)

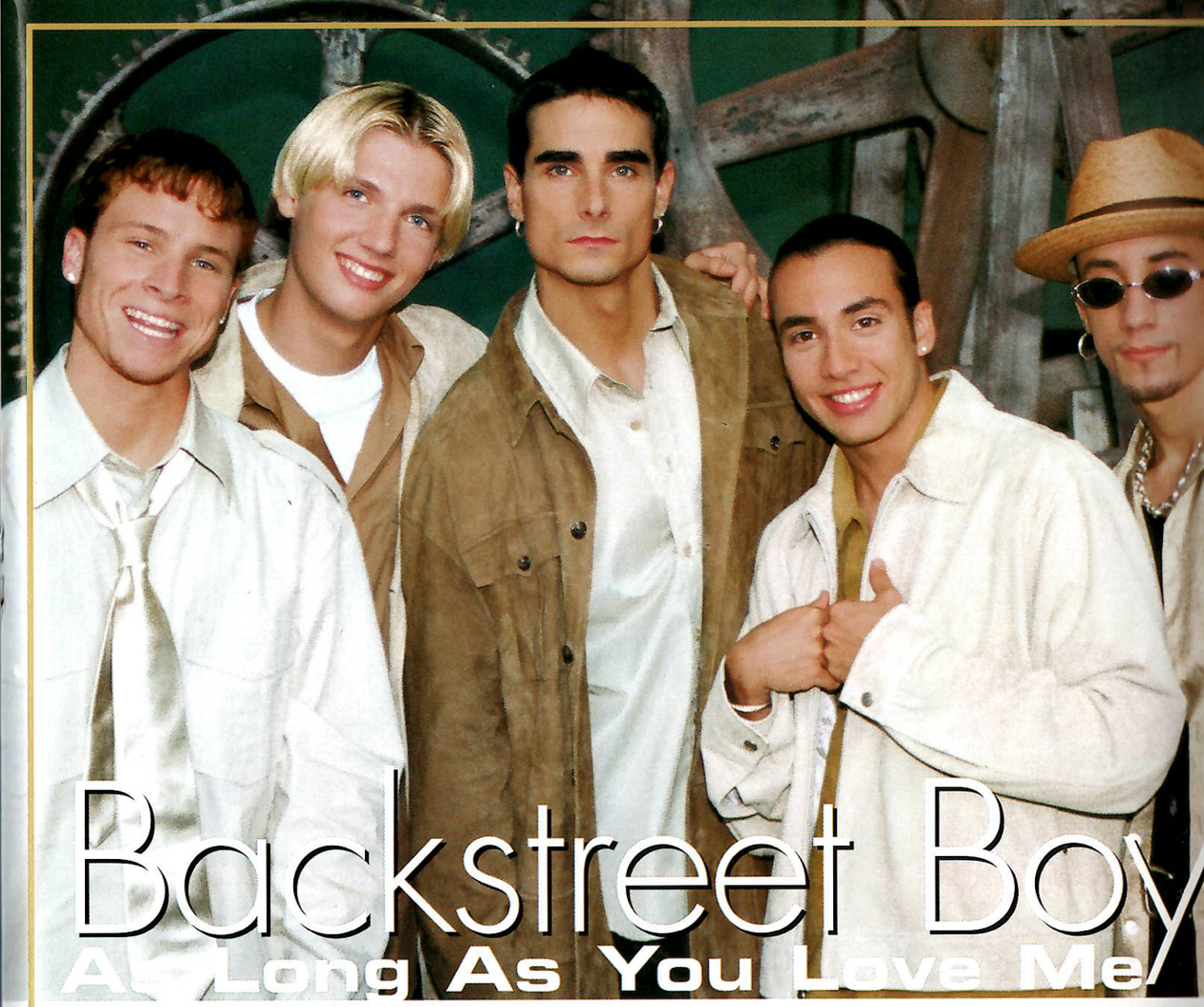
It's all your fault (I'm walking into spiderwebs)
Leave a message
And I'll call you back (no matter who calls)
I gotta screen my phone calls
(I'm walking into spiderwebs)
So leave a message
(it's all your fault)
No matter, matter,
matter who calls (I'm
walking into spiderwebs)

So leave a message
And I'll call you back
(I screen my phone calls)
I'm walking into
spiderwebs
Leave a message
And I'll call you back

Words & music: Gwen Stefani/Tony Kanal
Published: Interscope
On MCA Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of **25** No Doubt singles answer this question. Who is Mrs No Doubt going out with? Mark your postcard **No Doubt Competition** (see page 76 for full competition details).



Backstreet Boy
As Long As You Love Me

Although loneliness has
always been a friend of mine
I'm leaving my life in
your hands
People say I'm crazy and
that I am blind
Risking it all in a glance
And how you got me blind is
still a mystery
I can't get you out of
my head
Don't care what is written in
your history
As long as you're here with me

I don't care who you are
Where you're from
What you did
As long as you love me
Who you are
Where you're from
Don't care what you did
As long as you love me

Every little thing that you
have said and done
Feels like it's deep within
me (ooh)
Doesn't really matter
if you're on the run
It seems like we're
meant to be

I don't care who you are
(who you are)
Where you're from
(where you're from)
What you did
As long as you love me
(I don't know)
Who you are (who you are)
Where you're from
(where you're from)
Don't care what you did
As long as you love me
(yeah yeah)

As long as you love me
As long as you love me

I've tried to hide it so that
no one knows
But I guess it shows
When you look into my eyes
What you did and where
you're coming from
I don't care, as long as you
love me, baby (ooh ooh)

I don't care who you are
(who you are)
Where you're from
(where you're from)
What you did
As long as you love me
(long as you love me)
Who you are (who you are)
Where you're from
(where you're from)
Don't care what you did (yeah)
As long as you love me
(long as you love me)

Who you are
Where you're from
What you did
As long as you love me
Who you are (who you are)
Where you're from
(where you're from)
As long as you love me
Who you are
As long as you love me
What you did
I don't care as long as you
love me

Words & music: Max Martin
Published: Zomba Music
Publishers Ltd
On Jive Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of **25** Backstreet Boys singles answer this question. What does AJ stand for? Mark your postcards **Backstreet Competition** (see page 76 for full competition details).

Photos: Andre Csillag

Savage Garden

TO THE MOON and back

She's taking her
time, making up
the reasons
To justify all the hurt inside
Guess she knows from the smiles and
the look in their eyes
Everyone's got a theory about the bitter one
They're saying, 'Mama never loved her much,'
And, 'Daddy never keeps in touch, that's why she
shies away from human affection'.
But somewhere in a private place
She packs her bags from outer space
And now she's waiting for the right kind of pilot to come
And she'll say to him,

I would fly to the moon and back if you'll be...
If you'll be my baby
Got a ticket for a world
where we belong
So would you be my baby?

She can't remember a time
when she felt needed
If love was red then she
was colour blind
All her friends,
they've been tried
for treason
And crimes that were
never defined
She's saying, 'Love
is like a barren
place, and reaching
out for human
faith is like
a journey I
just don't
have a map for,'
So baby's gonna take
a dive and
Push the shift to overdrive

Send a signal that she's hanging
All her hopes on the stars
What a pleasant dream

I would fly to the moon and back if you'll be...
If you'll be my baby
Got a ticket for a world where we belong
So would you be my baby?

Mama never loved her much
Daddy never keeps in touch
That's why she shies away from
human affection
But somewhere in a private place
She packs her bags from
outer space
And now she's waiting for the
right kind of pilot to come
And she'll say to him

I would fly to the moon
and back if you'll be...
If you'll be my baby
Got a ticket for a world
where we belong
So would you be my baby?

Words & music:
Daniel Jones/Darren Hayes
Published: 1997 Roughcut/
EMI Music Publishing Australia
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Music Inc
On Columbia Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of 25 Savage Garden singles, answer this question: Where do the band come from? Mark your postcard Savage

mpetition (see page 76 for full mpetition details).

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Chrysalis

Shaggy

MY DREAM

My dream, my dream
My my my
Dream, ha he
Dream, ha he

Now I got to wonder if you dreaming or not
Cos everything seems so real
Shaggy

As my days grow old and my night grow cold
And I yearn for your tender love
My desires are strong I can't seem to hold on
And I wanna feel your touch
Girl I love you so much it's way pass a crush
And the fantasy feels real
And when reality bites it cuts like a knife
And I wake up asking myself

Chorus
Is it really real?
Is it real or is it a dream?
Is it really real?
Is it real or is it a dream?

Hear me now
Girl you know say that you have it all together
Tickle up me fancy with you sweet-smelling feather
Smooth like a silk you could be rough like a leather
Don't wake me up I want the moment to last forever
Ha time goes by you know my loving gets better
Passionate moment probably think I would a never
Have you in a my thoughts girl you sit down and you wonder
Girl let this one last forever

Chorus

As I reminisce on the times I missed
And the warmth of your tender lips
I can't help but wonder if I wake
Will I find a love like this
I guess it's fair to say that
You are the woman in my dream
Well that's the word or haven't you heard
Why don't you get up and help me sing

Chorus
Hear me, hear me

Is it a figment of my imagination?
Or that me under sexual frustration?
Right now me under nuff aggravation
Can't show it must protect I man reputation
Now this is something I must ask a question
I would a really like fe know your intention
In regards to my infatuation
Tell me 'bout the operation

Chorus

Words & music: O Burrell/R Livingston
Published: Livingsting Music (ASCAP)
On Virgin Records

WIN! 25 singles

For a chance to win one of **25** Shaggy promotional singles, answer this question. What was the title of Shaggy's last Top 20 hit? Mark your postcard **Shaggy Competition** (see page 76 for full competition details).

KYLIE MINOGUE

Some Kind Of Bliss

Shut my eyes
Feel the colour of you
Sink into this elation
So high so fast
Shut my eyes
Feel the colour of you
Succumb to this
illusion
So strong so deep

Cos every day
Is all there is
In my some kind
of bliss

Cos every day
Is all there is
In my kind of bliss

Study my reflection
And let the covers fall
Slip into stillness
And be above it all
Good to be here
Time to be alone
Find the space where
I belong
Not succumb to fear

Cos every day
Is all there is
In my some kind
of bliss

Cos every day
Is all there is
In my some kind
of bliss

Words & music: Kylie Minogue/James Dean Bradfield/Sean Moore
Published: Terry Blamey Management/James Dean Bradfield & Sean Moore/Sony/ATV Music Publishing
On Deconstruction Records

For a chance to win one of **25** Kylie Minogue singles, answer this question. Which band do Kylie's co-writers on this song come from? Mark your postcards **Kylie Competition** (see page 76 for full competition details).

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Three Lost Months In Japan

So you think you know PETER ANDRE? You don't! You don't know about his older woman, his life as Elvis, or the day he came face to face with a knife. You don't know about three lost months in Japan. "I've never told anyone about this – ever," he begins...

Why did you go to Japan, Peter?
I went to Japan when I was 17 to practise before I was ready to release my first single in Australia, but it all went horribly wrong. My promoters had a really bad deal and my three months felt like years.

What was so bad about it?
Although a bunch of us travelled from Australia to Japan to perform, I didn't know anyone else in Japan. We ended up staying in, urrghh, this horrible place. It was a real, real dirty town called Hanazono-cha, where the Japanese Mafia, the Yakuza, were strong.

So it was a sleazy area?
Horrible. There were some Australian girl dancers working in the basement of the place I was staying in. And they were being asked to do... well, it wasn't quite what they expected. There was more than just dancing involved, they were very upset, it was a real nightmare.

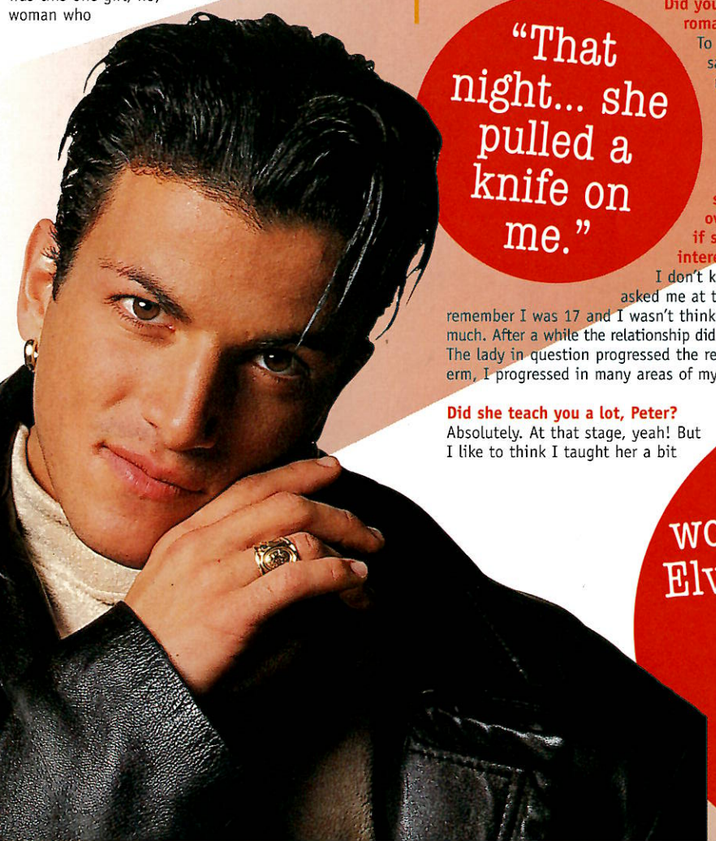
What was your job?
I performed as a lookalike in a bar, dressing up and singing. They had people dressed as Marilyn Monroe, loads of stars – I did four characters. One night I'd impersonate Elvis, another night I was Michael Jackson. I did Prince but it never seemed to work. They even tried me as Charlie Chaplin, but that didn't work either.

So Elvis filled up your evenings?
Yes, but I was lonely. Part of my job was to go around after the performance and talk to the customers. I signed autographs to them as the person I'd just performed as, so I'd write, 'Love from Elvis P'! There was this one girl, no, woman who came to watch the show every night. She seemed really sweet and friendly. She was a Sicilian-Italian who had been living in New York.

You became friends?
Well, she seemed lovely. One night she said to me, 'Why don't you come over and I'll cook you dinner, I've got loads of friends you can meet them.' I said I'd love to. It sounded like fun.

Did you take up her offer?
I went over to her place. She lived in an absolutely beautiful apartment with seven other girls – three sisters from Brazil, a couple of Australians, a couple of Americans. The place was spotless, they all trained in the same gym, and I started going round there a lot. I used to lend a hand cooking dinner. I thought it would be really nice to live somewhere like that. I spent a lot of time there.

She was older than you, wasn't she?
She was 32. I was 17.



"That night... she pulled a knife on me."

Did you get it on romantically?
To begin with she said, 'I could never go out with someone like you, you're too young.'

But why did she ask you over for dinner if she wasn't interested?
I don't know why she asked me at the time. But remember I was 17 and I wasn't thinking about it too much. After a while the relationship did progress further. The lady in question progressed the relationship, and erm, I progressed in many areas of my life, ahem!

Did she teach you a lot, Peter?
Absolutely. At that stage, yeah! But I like to think I taught her a bit too, because I was a lot younger than the guys she had been going out with, people she'd been with for years. Some had been married before.

It didn't all go smoothly, though?
We started dating quite heavily and she became very very, very possessive about the whole situation. She kept me away from the other girls in the house, she wouldn't let me look at them or talk to them. She called all the numbers on our phone bill to see if I'd been ringing girls in Australia. I'd called a girl, a really old friend, for a chat. This woman went mad because she thought I'd been having a deep and meaningful romantic conversation.

What happened next?
She did something two and a half months into the relationship which was just... stupid. One day she took the keys and locked me in. She purposefully made me stay – I couldn't leave the house and I missed my work and everything. It was starting to get crazy. It was very much like the film, *Fatal Attraction*.

So did you leave straight away?
No, not straight away... but I did soon after. Because then we went out one night. She saw me having a good time, just being with people, nothing dodgy. I was just being myself, enjoying the night, and she became really upset because I was smiling and it wasn't at her. She saw me with a group of people and she didn't like it. And that night I went home and... *(almost a whisper)* she pulled a knife on me.

She pulled out a knife?!
She sure did. She really went for it in a big way too. She threw all my stuff out of the window, my turntables the lot – they were all smashed, it was absolutely terrible. She was standing there cursing me, saying you this, you that, all the time. It was horrible.

"One night I would impersonate Elvis, another night I was Michael Jackson. I did Prince but it never seemed to work."

And then?
I left that night. I went back to my old flat, it was really dirty and smelly. I really didn't want to be there. I left Japan after that. I had to go.

You never saw her again?
I didn't speak to her for months. She would ring my house in Australia for ages saying we could start again, it could work. I couldn't handle it. But yes, I have seen her again.

What did you say when you saw her?
I was doing the *All About Us* video in Los Angeles a few months ago and I saw a woman driving past. I heard her say, 'Oh my God! Peter! Stop the car!' I thought, 'I don't know you.' She came over and said, 'Don't you remember me?' and I looked and I saw it was her, six, seven years on. She was staying with another girl who had lived in Japan with her, and she said, 'Here's our number, call and we'll have dinner.' I never did make that call. TOP POP

Hanson

Tell It Like It Is! (Yikes!)

When you're a trio of young, hairy pop stars all sorts of nonsense is written about you. ZAC, TAYLOR and ISAAC set us straight...

So, what's all this about you having loads of dosh and flying around to all your gigs in a private jet?
Taylor: Well, that's rubbish. We all still share a small bedroom, we're not spoilt and we don't have loads of money...
Zac: ...and the private jet thing? We hired a private jet ONCE because we had to fly to New York to do a special photo shoot there...
Isaac: ...yeah, and we had to go somewhere else straight away, that's why. We fly normally the rest of the time, we even fly economy sometimes!

OK, but what about you being so busy at this pop star lark that you don't keep up with your lessons?
(An air of guilty hesitation from the boys)
Taylor: Erm, no, we always fit in our lessons. Our parents teach us, so if we're doing a TV show or a photo shoot we have to put a certain amount of time into our studies!
Isaac: We have a separate math tutor but he hardly ever shows up.
(Bursts of laughter from the Hansons)
Zac: He only turns up when he feels like it!

Is that good or bad?
Isaac: Erm, I think it's good. We still have to do math, though.

We've heard some rumours that you've all been swamped with movie offers since your success.
Isaac: The thing is, now that people have seen us, everyone has an idea about what they want us to do.
Taylor: Everyone under the sun has an idea about us.
Zac: I don't know if I'd like to make a movie or not. I think being in the band and doing what we're doing now is the main thing but, who knows, in the future we may want to be in the movies...
Isaac: It's an interest of ours. We enjoy acting and we love writing stories.
Taylor: But we haven't got time to do anything else at the moment. We're looking forward to directing our own videos soon, though – that's definitely in the pipeline.

It sounds like there's more to Hanson than just writing songs and performing...
Isaac: Oh yeah, we like to be involved with everything...
Taylor: Yeah, we're starting to take a laptop computer everywhere with us and connect it to the internet so we can keep in contact with our fans. It's cool...
Isaac: We can't wait to go on the internet. Zac drew a picture of a UFO because in our song, *Man From Milwaukee*, the man is really from Mars. Anyway, we can make the UFO move around the screen and everything.

What do you say to people who suggest that your parents pushed you into having music careers?
Isaac: That's rubbish...
Taylor: There was no pressure on us at all. In fact, it was us who wanted to perform. We'd been singing round the house for a long time and one day our mom said, 'Guys there's a local festival happening. I have a friend who works there, would you like to audition?' and we all shouted, 'Yeah!'
Zac: It was obvious to our folks that we all loved singing right from the start!

(So now we know. Cheers, lads!)

Hanson's single, Where's The Love?, is out now!

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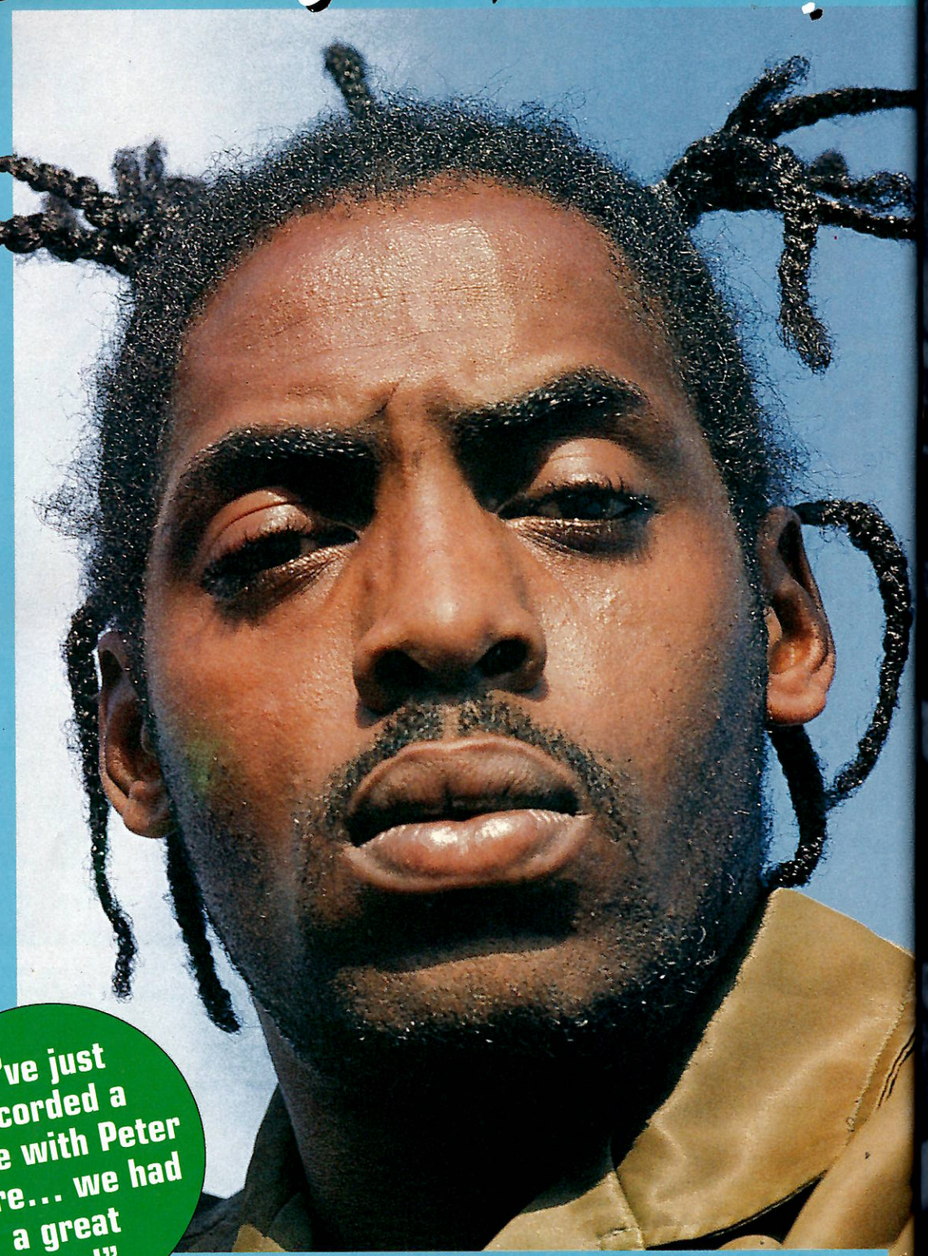
Coolio Shaker!

Playing golf, cooking and cleaning the house don't sound like the normal activities of a rap star, but then COOLIO can make anything sound cool.



What's the first thing you do in the morning?
I wash my face and brush my teeth. Do I make my own bed? No, I never make the bed, my wife does it. I told her a long time ago that I don't do the bed. I do other things around the house like vacuum, but not every day, only when it needs it. I'm not afraid of tidying up, why should I be?

Is there an average Coolio day?
Not really, every day is different. I may have to go into my management office and spend some time there or I'll go out to have meetings with artists that I'm interested in working with. I'm into golf at the moment so I might even play a game of that.

So are you a golf fanatic?
No, because I've just started playing. I've just picked up a set of Cleveland golf clubs, it's an American company and they've sort of sponsored me. I haven't had time to buy the proper outfit like checked trousers and funny studded shoes yet, but I'm going to – it's only a bit of fun. How often do I play? About once a week. But when I go on tour I'm gonna bring my clubs with me. I hope to play a bit more often.

Are there any other hobbies we should know about?
I really love the PlayStation. Once I'm on there it's hard to stop me. The trouble is there are too many good games to play, such as golf, bowling and all the fighting games. Pool's a cool game too. I have a table in my garage and when my friends are over we often have a game – it all helps to relieve the stress.

Do you have a fitness routine?
Yes, I work out three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I wake up and then go straight into the gym. I'm on the treadmill most of the time and I like using the weights. It's important for me to stay fit, partly because of all the travelling I do, but mostly because the better you look, the better you feel. And in this business the better you look, the more work comes your way. I also enjoy playing basketball. The only trouble is I have to work extra hard to make sure I win every time because I'm a really bad loser!

"I've just recorded a single with Peter Andre... we had a great time!"

What do you do for a cool night out with your friends?
I'm with my friends most of the time as I work with them, so we're constantly having a good time. Usually when I'm at home I like spending the time with my family. My son Milan is just over a year old so we mess about wrestling and playing and stuff. My wife actually plays golf too and when she's not busy managing me, we go off and have a game together.

Are you going straight back in the studio after releasing your album?
I've already been back in, and I've just recorded a single with Peter Andre. He was dope (*ie, cool*)! We laid down a few ideas then set to work. He was very laid back and easy to communicate with – we had a great time! Can you expect to see us dueting on *Top Of The Pops*? Well sure, why not? We'll just have to wait and see what happens at the end of the month when the single's released!

We've heard you're a bit of a chef, how true is it?
I do enjoy cooking and prefer eating at home than I do out – the food's better! I don't really have a favourite meal but my speciality is pizza. Anything you want on it, I can make. I don't make it round, I make it rectangular as it's easier to cut. I'm even thinking of writing a cookery book and opening a restaurant – maybe in England. The last time I was in London the food wasn't up to much, it wasn't spicy enough for me, so I thought it'd be a good idea to start up my own place. What will I call it? Coolio's – what else?

Finally, how do you get your hair to look like that?
It takes hours, heh, heh! I go to my friend's salon about once a week to have it done. I'm sat in the chair for about two hours but I don't mind. Do I ever have a bad hair day? Yeah, all the time. In fact I'm having one now, it's all over the place. But hey, who cares? I just push it back and carry on. TOP POP

Coolio's new single, Ooh La La, is out this month.

Words: Ms Corinna Shaffer. **Photos:** Michael Miller.

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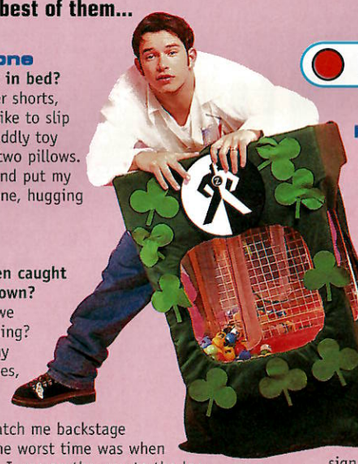


Stephen Boyzone

What do you wear in bed?
I like wearing boxer shorts, but if it's very warm, I like to slip them off. Do I take a cuddly toy to bed? No, but I have two pillows. I rest my head on one and put my arms around the other one, hugging it close to my chest.

Kav

Have you ever been caught with your pants down?
Awww noooo! Erm, are we talking mid-love type thing? I've been caught with my pants down loads of times, but not during a pash flesh. It's usually when sneaky photographers catch me backstage at concerts and stuff. The worst time was when I was doing a roadshow. I was on the way to the loo, y'know, those portaloos, opposite the gate where all the girls were. I walked past, waved to them and went in. Suddenly a photographer opened the door and took a picture. I was sat with my pants down and hundreds of girls could see me!

Louise

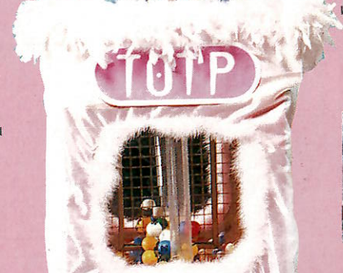
What's your most disgusting habit?
Erm, I do big burps *(does a big windy one as an example)*. I was on a plane last week in the quiet, first class section and I let out this big ripper. The old man sitting next to me frowned and said, 'Didn't anyone teach you manners when you were younger?' Whoops!

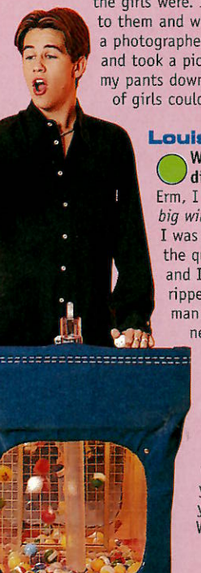
Hanson

Have you ever been mistaken for girl?
All three: Yes!
Isaac: Numerous times, especially Zac cos he's the youngest.
Zac: I have a good friend, a girl who looks exactly like me and has my length blonde hair.
Taylor: People come over to her with autograph books saying, 'Hey Zac, can you sign this for me?'
Isaac: She's from a family of three girls who are my age, Taylor's age and Zac's age. I suppose...
Taylor: ...yuk, they don't all look like us, do they? That would be just too spooky!
Isaac: No, they don't all look like us. If they did they'd be the ugliest girls ever.

Gabrielle

Is your view of the police any different since your ordeal?
(Gabrielle was called in for questioning by the police last year after her ex-boyfriend was charged with murder.)
No, I never liked them in the first place! I've been stopped by the police before, for no reason at all. The excuse they gave was because my car had tinted windows and they thought I was drunk, but of course I wasn't. My message to *TOTP* readers is if you're gonna be a policeman or policewoman, just make sure you're a better breed of one.





Peter Andre

Have you ever been caught in a steamy sitch with a girl?
Yes, I have. There's this really great rainforest in Australia. It's totally magic, everyone used to take their girls there, it's just amazing. Me and this girl, who I'd been seeing for a long time, were down there getting a bit steamy. It was really secluded, the stars were out and it was just hotting up when – can you believe it – we were caught by her mum? I mean, what was she doing there?

East Sev

Were you a pretty baby?
Terry: I suppose I was, yeah. I had blond hair and a basin cut! Did I look sweet? Nah, I looked dead. I just used to sit in the corner staring straight ahead. My mum and dad used to keep poking me to check I was still alive.

What's the most unusual place you've committed ruderies in?
John: *(Straight away)* In the sea about two years ago. I was on holiday in Spain with Chrissie and we were in the waves. There were all these people in the sea and they'd no idea what we were getting up to! We came out with big smiles on our faces.

Backstreet Boys

When you see an attractive girl, what's the first thing you look at?
AJ: *(Looks mischievous)* Do you want me to be honest or do you want me to lie? If she's looking at me then it's her eyes, but if she's not looking at me then, erm... her booty. I watch it go from side to side. It doesn't matter what size it is but... *(half-ashamed)* yeah, I know. I'm a man. I'm sorry.

How many girls have you kissed?
Brian: Properly? *(Counts on fingers)* Umm... 20? My first kiss was when I was about ten, in fifth grade, and the girl that I kissed – her name was Michelle – she stuck her tongue in my mouth and I was like, uurrghh! She was in sixth grade so she was obviously an older, experienced woman.

Kelle Eternal

How close were you to leaving Eternal when Louise left?
(Thinks) It wasn't that I wanted to leave Eternal, but I wanted to be with my friend. Louise and I had been together nearly every day since we were 11. We went through school together, started in Eternal together, we were always there for each other and I couldn't stand the thought of her not being there. So when she said she was leaving I said, 'I'll come with you and we'll work together at whatever you want.' But at the end of the day you have to make decisions for yourself, which is why I stayed in the group.

911

If plastic surgery was free, what would you have done?
Lee: Heeyy! Heh heh! When we see photos of ourselves...
Jimmy: When you see photos of yourself...
Lee: We have wrinkles, Jimmy has about 50 wrinkles growing already...
Jimmy: But you go mad about them and I don't care...
Lee: That's cos you're an old man. *(Silence.)* If it was free I'd probably have all the lines on my face ironed cos my eyes go dead tiny and I've got millions of laughter lines.

Louise Sleeper

What's the most unusual place you've snogged in?
The hotel breakfast room in the middle of the night. It was the only private place we could find to hide at the time. Afterwards we helped ourselves to some cereal. Bizarre snogging locations are sometimes more interesting. You can't help but snog in strange places when you're on tour, you know, like at the back of the tour bus. On our last tour people got off in the tour bus bog. You get 200 gold stars for doing that.

Meesh Gayle

What's the meanest thing you did as a child?
I remember one time at school when our teacher was off sick we had a replacement teacher. She looked so young and was wearing leggings, whereas the teachers we knew had curly hair and glasses. We decided to be rude to her all day, and I organised it. We were very, very bad! She was really upset and, erm, cried a bit. It was a horrible thing to do!

Baby Spice

Do you like being called Baby
It's alright, yeah! I'm the young in the group, so I suppose it's true. T girls do keep an eye on me, but then I look after them, too. We all look af each other. The nicknames *TOTP Mag* gave us are everywhere now – every the world uses them so it's a good do like mine, isn't it?

The Attics

What's the worst place you've ev peed in?
Karen: I've peed in the sink of hotel rooms and dressing roo We're not embarrassed abou like that, I'm quite free whe comes to peeing.
Shellie: We used to have a b together when we were little Karen would alw pee in the bath
Karen: I don't that any more! Honest!

Watch Ou
Next month we unveil our ne TOTP Lottery machine! Yi

Tips For The Top (Of The Pops!)

Thomas Jules-Stock

Line-up: Sixteen-year-old Thomas Jules-Stock.
Background: London-born Thomas hooked up with the writing/production team Brockpocket.
Music: "In a word," says Thomas, gbeat pop!" (That's two words, by the way!)
will get him noticed: "I hate to be immodest," xes, "but I think my looks might help me out!"
ces of making the Top 10: "Probably very " says Thomas, "especially as my single's on the an soundtrack."
as Jules-Stock's single, That Kinda Guy, is out month.

Lutricia McNeal

up: Lutricia McNeal.
ground: US-born Lutricia een singing in various ish bands before she ed to go solo.
: "It has everything," says ia. "Hip-hop, soul, gospel – l in there!"
will get her noticed: mix of US and European ls should make it kickin'," Lutricia.
ces of making the Top 10: knows?" she cries. "I believe y is the limit!"
cia's single, Ain't That Just Way, is out now.

E-Z Drum 'n' Bass Orchestra

Line-up: Frederick Pasquan (keyboards and knob-twiddling) and Solead (vibraphone).
Background: Frederick met Solead at a carnival in the Dominican Republic. They got on so well they decided to work together in the UK.
Music: "We've been described as the drum 'n' bass your grandma would like," laughs Frederick.
Chances of making the Top 10: "I'd like to think that life can be quite E-Z," says Frederick, "but who knows? I just hope that we're as huge as possible."
E-Z Drum 'n' Bass Orchestra's single, Beat Girl, is out this month.

Catch

Their new single is called *Bingo!*, so where better to, ahem, catch them than at a bingo hall?! Eyes down...

From top: Wayne, Ben and Toby.

Line-up: Toby Slater, 18 (vocals), Ben Etchells, 18 (guitars), Wayne Murray, 19 (bass).
Background: The lads snogged the same girl they'd met at a party! Instead of fighting they became friends, and formed the band.
Music: Top guitar pop with attitude.
What'll get them noticed? Wayne's '70s dress style, Ben's floppy fringe and Toby's insatiable appetite for success!
Chances of making the Top 10: Um, bingo! "We'll know we've made it when Puff Daddy covers one of our songs!" says an ever-hopeful Wayne.

You must be big fans of bingo to write a song about it...
Wayne: It's not actually about bingo!
Ben: But it is about that moment where you say, 'Yee-ess!'
Wayne: That winning moment.
Toby: It's about that feeling when you think you've worked out how girls and love stuff works. We could have called it *Eureka*. But we thought *Bingo!* was better.

Which bingo prizes would you like to win?
Toby: I want a Spice Girls key ring. And an Ali Baba basket for the three months of washing which is lying on my floor!
Ben: Ooh, all the boring things – pots and pans and potato peelers. I have no utensils in my house!
Wayne: I want a nice cuddly toy. And some *Star Wars* stuff.

You lived together in a, erm, full house when you were recording. What was it like?
Ben: A bit mad!
Toby: But we didn't have any huge arguments...
Ben: Except when Wayne went AWOL one weekend.
Wayne: Well, the studio sent a package into London in a cab... and I thought it might be lonely so I jumped in with it and went home!

Do you believe in luck?
Ben: Not luck exactly, but I believe in karma. If you do something bad it will come back to you, only worse. You get what you deserve.
Toby: Wayne has very bad karma.
Wayne: I'm unlucky. My favourite trousers were being ironed the other day and I ended up with a big iron burn on them!

If you wanted to be on a TV game show, what would your application say?
Toby: I'm positive and a smiley go-getter who likes waterskiing and lion-taming. I want to have a fun fair in the garden. Pick me, I'm photogenic. And modest.
Ben: I like football and computer games. I'm a bit stupid but to make up for it I'm brave and honourable. Honest.
Wayne: Erm, I've talkative. I wouldn't be stuck for something to say! My ambition is to be so famous the government turns me into an X-File.

And if you hit the jackpot?
Ben: I'd buy loads of musical equipment.
Wayne: Retire to a tropical beach with the woman of my dreams!
Toby: I'd like to be able to afford to employ Mel B as my cleaner!

Catch photos: Pete Cronin.

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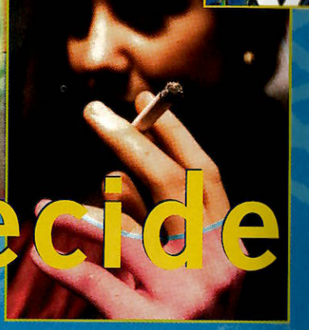

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"I would date the right fan!"

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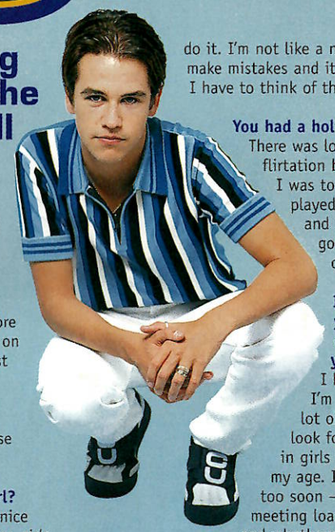


o was the first person you fancied?
n I was nine I used to rush home for five o'clock Saturdays to see *Wonder Woman* on the telly. She ld take off her specs and do a little twirl, and denly she was wearing those hot pants! Wahey!

you fancy any teachers?
I had a crush on Miss Pemberton. She took our classes when other teachers were off – she also taught PE. Miss Pemberton had very big, erm, y'know... *(outlines a certain shapeliness)* and she wore a little gymslip too.

"I'm looking for more of a soul mate now, rather than someone totally gorgeous."

Who was your first girlfriend?
A girl called Gill who was my neighbour's best friend. I went out with her for two weeks when I was ten. We didn't have proper dates, but I her in the school grounds. I had my best Holy munion suit on with a collar like *(spreads arms to cate helicopter landing pad size)*. In fact, the size y collar is probably why it didn't last! What really pened was that I passed her in the school idor and pretended I didn't know her. I really cruel.

o has been your most serious friend so far, Kav?
rl I went to school with. We started as friends then one day, ahem, we e more than that! We saw each other nd off for two years until we left ol, then she went her way and I t mine.

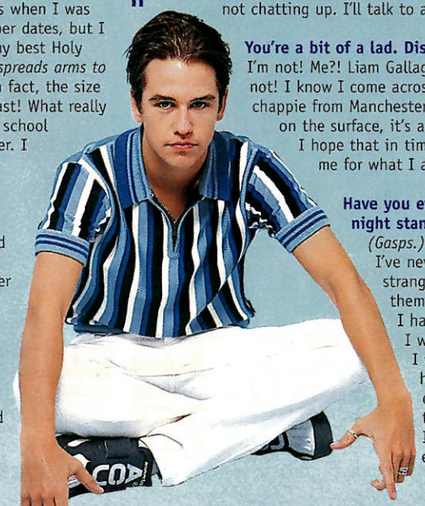
you regret parting?
no. I do still see her, but it's on r terms – to be honest she dumped She's an extrovert with a mad e of humour and after I got into music and became a little bit successful she wanted to know me again. But by then I'd met beautiful girls and had my eyes opened. It made me realise it wasn't meant to be.

Was she the girl you lost your virginity to?
Um, no. *(All bashful.)* There was somebody before that! I was 16 and I went away with me mates on a trip. I had too much shandy booze for my first time and I was with a girl and... it happened really, really quickly. Afterwards I was like, 'Oh, was that it?' It was a bit of a disappointment, but, hey, as time goes by you get better at these things, ha ha!

What do you look for in a girl?
Obviously the face, you know, nice skin... eyes are important. Some girls can say things with their eyes you couldn't possibly say with words!

How do you flirt?
I'm good with my eyes, I'll always try that. I'll be looking over at someone and hopefully we'll have eye contact. I'll smile. I'd never make the first move, though. I definitely like her to come to me – I'm scared of rejection!

You've never chatted someone up?
Well, yeah, but not for a while. If I'm in quite mature company I don't want to be seen as someone who sidles up to girls and goes, 'Heeyy!' I say, 'Hello, how are you? Are you having a good time?' But it's not chatting up. I'll talk to anyone, me.



You're a bit of a lad. Discuss.
I'm not! Me?! Liam Gallagher's a lad, I'm not! I know I come across as a cheeky chappie from Manchester, but that's just on the surface, it's a bit of character. I hope that in time people will see me for what I am.

Have you ever had a one night stand?
(Gasps.) No, I haven't! I've never just met a stranger and taken them home, but I have come close. I was tempted when I was last on holiday, but I didn't see it through! Because I'm in the public eye I can't just do it. I'm not like a normal kid who can make mistakes and it doesn't matter. I have to think of the consequences.

You had a holiday romance?
There was lots of chatting and flirtation but no real romance, I was too busy clubbing! They played my record in a club and I started dancing, going, 'I know this one! It's me!'

Is the kind of girl you'd go out with now the kind of girl you'd marry?
I hope so, that's what I'm looking for. I feel a lot older than 19 and I look for different things in girls than most lads of my age. I've had too much too soon – travelling and meeting loads of models and whathaveya – but I look for more than that. I'm looking for more of a soul mate rather than someone totally gorgeous.

What qualities would your soul mate have?
Somebody who is like me, out to enjoy life, doesn't let things worry them and has a good sense of humour. But they'd also have to be deep, definitely.

What are you going to call your kids?
Kav one, Kav two and Kav three! I have absolutely no idea. I like the name Jesus, but I'm worried that people might think Jesus Kavana was a bit over the top. Loads of people are called Jesus in Brazil, but it's not as common in Manchester!

Would you date a fan?
Yes, you can never say never. I know people in the industry who have dated fans and the relationship has lasted. I can't say who, sorry. Someone could be a fan of yours initially, but after a while treat you more equally. I would date the right fan.

Ever thought you've met the *right* fan?
In Italy I was in a restaurant with my record company peep, surrounded by these amazing-looking girls who were looking at me. If I had been in another band who didn't care I'd have said, 'Right, back to my hotel'. But I'm me and I didn't. I would have felt guilty about it the next morning.

"I had too much shandy booze for my first time... and it happened really, really quickly. Afterwards I was like, 'Oh, was that it?'"

Ooh, v grown up. Are you a grandpa before your time?
I think I have an older outlook, but I don't know why. I was really upset when that girl at school hurt me. It made me question what I wanted. I was all ready to go to college with her – thank God I didn't or I wouldn't be doing this now. Everything happens for a reason.

Describe your most romantic moment.
There was one girl who was a little bit older than me, about two years ago. We were out together, on the beach at night, looking at the moon, listening to the sea and I really thought that was it. Like something out of a film.

Where do you most like to be kissed?
Ooh, on me neck. It's very sensitive, my neck. In fact, someone was messing about with it the other day – a friend, who's a girl, and I thought, 'Ooh, yeah, I could get used to this!' I have a weak spot!

When was the last time you had a passionate kiss?
About... actually... two nights ago!

You're seeing someone at the mo?
Not *(pause)* really. I've just spoken to the girl I snogged on the phone, actually. I met her at a film premiere *(The Fifth Element, atch)* but it was just a snog, it's not going to develop into anything. She loves herself too much cos she's in the public eye, nice to look at but too full of herself. It's a bit of fun... and you've got to have fun or you might as well become a monk!

TOP POP

The Listening Bank

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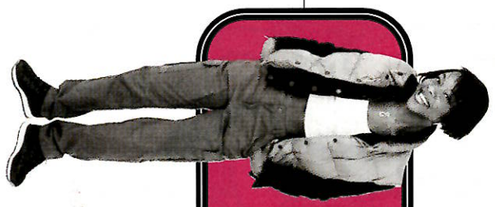

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SINGLES!

Reviewed by Emma Harrison (aka Jo from *Neighbours*)

Finlay Quaye
Even After All
This is quite cool. It's great to unwind to. He has a very unusual voice.
★★★★☆

George Michael
You Have Been Loved
This is a lovely track. The mood is very soothing and relaxing. I have some of his older stuff at home, but this is very nice. I think I might keep this one, if you don't mind!
★★★★★

N-Tyce
We Come To Party
This will go down well in clubs. I don't know whether I'd get up and boogie to it though – maybe if I'd had a few glasses of shandy booze! I don't think I'd buy it.
★★☆☆☆

Cast
Live The Dream
I really like this. I think it's really cool.
The singer sounds a little bit like Liam from Oasis. Having said all that, I don't think I'd buy it.
★★★☆☆

Dubstar
Cathedral Park
(*Thinks long and hard*) I think it has potential. (*Thinks even longer and even harder*) I think I'd need to listen to it a bit longer to get into it. (*Thinks so long and so hard her temples begin to bulge alarmingly*) I think I'd have to be in the right mood to enjoy this. (*Stops thinking and looks sheepish*) I hope that none of my friends produced this!
★☆☆☆☆

Mariah Carey — SINGLE OF THE MONTH
Honey
I love it! It's gorgeous! I think it'll be a massive hit! And if it's not then I've got no taste in music! I have her last album but this... this is brilliant. She's timeless. She'll be around for years and years. This song is delicious. Buy it now!
★★★★★

No Doubt
Spiderwebs
It's a great song. The music is a bit similar to *Just A Girl*, but that's no bad thing. It's very catchy. I think Gwen Stefani [Mrs No Doubt] is a great performer. People can really relate to her. I like it but I wouldn't... (*voice trails off as she realises this is the seven billion trillionth time she's said this*).
★☆☆☆☆

Universal
Make It With You
(*After 30 seconds.*) Stop! Turn this off! I don't like it and I don't wanna listen to it because it's soppy. I don't need that! (*Suddenly looks incredibly ashamed of herself.*) Oh, that's horrible, isn't it! It's not them – I think the guys are great – it's just this song, it's a bit repetitive.
★☆☆☆☆

Deni Hines
I Like The Way
She's got touches of Whitney Houston in her voice. (*Studies sleeve closely.*) Oh look – she's on the same label as Peter Andre! I love his new single... he's such a smooth performer. (*Goes on for ages about how wonderful 'Peter' is before eventually getting back to the topic at hand.*) Hmm, yes, this is talent.
★★★☆☆

Monaco
Shine
It reminds me a little of New Order. (*Quelle surprise! Monaco's Peter Hook used to be in New Order!*) I loved New Order. They were great. I'd definitely buy it.
★★★★☆

Sleeper
She's A Good Girl
She has a good voice but I don't think I'd... (*runs off and pretends to bang head against wall*).
★☆☆☆☆

Martha Wash
Carry On
(*Starts dancing around the room shaking what's commonly referred to as her 'booty'.*) If I could have another single of the week this would be it. She has such a big voice. I love it. I like music that brings me up and this is it. It's like (*shakes her head in a rhythmic fashion*), I've gotta dance!
★★★★★

Gina G
Gimme Some Love
It's fast and energetic. Young people will love it. I think she's good. I wouldn't... (*puts hand over mouth*) I wouldn't say I didn't like it!
★★☆☆☆

Louise
Arms Around The World
It's a nice song. I've never heard he stuff before – I haven't been in Eng very long. I know who she is though It's a bit of a slow number but she a great voice.
★★★☆☆

Kylie Minogue
Some Kind Of Bliss
I love Kylie Minogue, she's just so cute. She has so much energy. I love how she reinvents herself – she's always changing. This sounds a little grungy.
I'm more used to hearing her frothy and bubbly and this is a lot harder-edged.
★★☆☆☆

Lisa Stansfield
The Line
It's quite catchy. It's kind of groovy I wouldn't... (*aaaaaaaarghhhh!*)
★★☆☆☆

The Real McCoy
One More Time
It's great nightclub music. It's upbeat and energetic. But it's not my cup of tea.
★★☆☆☆

Mr President
I Give You My Heart
(*Frowns.*) It's not my kind of thing. I very Europop, isn't it? I don't... (*sta up and makes sure she's out of arm's reach*) ...know whether I'd buy it!
★☆☆☆☆

STAR RATINGS
★☆☆☆☆ *Madge & Harold*
★★☆☆☆ *Marlene Kratz*
★★★☆☆ *Billy Kennedy*
★★★★☆ *Sarah Beaumont*
★★★★★ *Mal Kennedy*

ALSO OUT THIS MONTH

● **Omar** – *Golden Brown* ● **Grand Fiesta** – *Ritmo de la Noche* ● **Wyclef** – *Jean Guantanamera*
● **J Dee** – *Plastic Dreams* ● **E-motion** – *Favourite Shirts* ● **Roachford** – *The Way I Feel*

ALBUMS!

OBBIE WILLIAMS

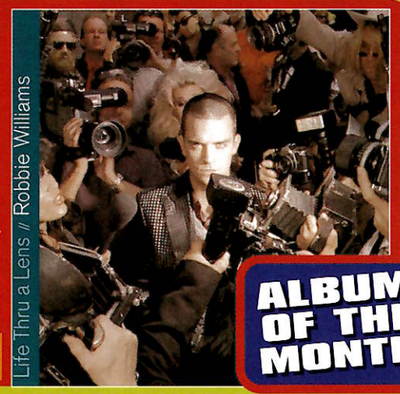
fe Thru A Lens

yle of music: The Robster has come up th a tasty selection of top guitar tunes, p singalongs and moody numbers with s of tongue-in-cheekiness.

hich singles are on it? *Old Before I , Lazy Days* and soon-to-be-released *uth Of The Border*. But no *Freedom*, ough, unfortch.

ything else to watch out for? His ics may be v personal but Rob never loses his sense of humour singing about girls with double-barelled names, his mum and being as clean as Mr Sheen. Check out the gorgeous *Angels*, a potential Christmas No 1 (if the Spicies don't beat him to it). As Rob might say with a big grin on his face, "It's a biggie!" The alb, of course, we mean the alb!

TOTP Star rating:
★★★★★
Susie Boone



ALBUM OF THE MONTH

WHAT ARE THESE PICTURES ALL ABOUT?

- Lots of loo break toons
- Makes you smile
- Party-tastic
- Snooze factor
- Good for a snog
- Haven't we heard this somewhere before?
- Play loud to annoy yer parents
- Good for karaoke

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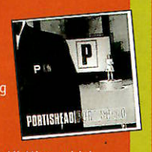


tyle of music: Totally ortishead, all slow beats nd Beth Gibbons' amazing oice, but like a weaker ersion of their amazing rst alb, *Dummy*.

hich singles are on it? *All Mine*, which hould be the next James Bond theme!

ything else to watch out for? *Mourning r, Undenied* and *Western Eyes* are beautiful ill out tunes which'll have you blubbing in e bath, but it'll take a good few listens efore you can tell the songs apart!

OTP star rating:
★★☆☆☆
il Perry

KYLIE MINOGUE

Impossible Princess

Style of music: Swings dramatically from girly, "I'm too fragile to breathe!" tunes to Alanis, The Cranberries, Manics, Everything But The Girl and even the theme from *Rawhide*!

Which singles are on it? A worth-waiting-for selection, starting with the fine *Some Kind Of Bliss*.

Anything else to watch out for? Finding yourself yodelling loudly along on the bus. Oops!

TOTP star rating:
★★★★★
Helen Lamont

DUBSTAR

Goodbye

Style of music: Rather like their first alb, there's plenty of happy 'slide down the surface of pop' songs with ever so polite lyrics and loads of pretty tunes to hide all the woes of the world.

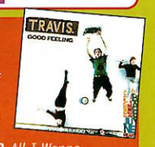
Which singles are on it? *No More Talk* and *Cathedral City* – so far.

Anything else to watch out for? Resisting the urge to don oversized eyelashes in Mrs Dubstar's honour!

TOTP star rating:
★★★☆☆
Helen Lamont

TRAVIS

Good Feeling



Style of music: A mix of upbeat toons and indie ballads with hints of Ash and Radiohead.

Which singles are on it? *All I Wanna Do Is Rock, U16 Girls* and *Tied To The '90s*.

Anything else to watch out for? Travis know how to make good time music, the singles are great to hum along to, while the slowies *More Than Us* and *Falling Down* are top for smooching. Music for all parts of the day.

TOTP star rating:
★★★★☆
Amy King

ALSO OUT THIS MONTH ● **Finley Quaye** – *Maverick A Strike* ● **Way Out West** – *Way Out West* ● **Mariah Carey** – *Butterfly* ●

MINISTRY OF SOUND

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A double album with 29 tracks and remixes. Plus a 16 page review of Ministry of Sound at Phoenix Festival

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If the summer hols seem like a dim and distant memory, then dive into this Wordsearch and relive those holiday moments! One lucky winner will receive a complete set of the official Top 40 singles, courtesy of those lovely Woolies peep! All you have to do is drop us a line and tell us which one of the summer chart-toppers below does NOT appear in the grid. Send your answers to **Holiday Wordsearch 31** (see page 76 for full competition details), or call 0891 717382 with your answer. Easy! Calls cost no more than 25p, but please make sure you get permission from whoever pays the bill. The winner will receive the official Radio 1 Top 40 as revealed on Sept 28.

WOOLWORTHS

- Cappella
- Chilli
- Clock
- Gala
- DJ Quicksilver
- Doop
- Everything But The Girl
- Faithless
- Grace
- Macarena Men
- Marradona
- N-Trance
- Olive
- Pizzaman
- Real McCoy
- Rosie Gaines
- Sash
- Sybil
- Spice Girls
- Tatjana
- Ultra Nate
- Whigfield

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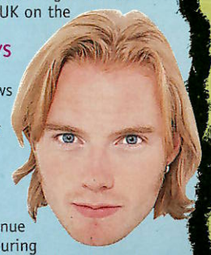
THE NEW ALBUM OUT SEPT 8TH INCLUDES THE HIT SINGLE "ALL I WANNA DO"

Have You HEARD?

● **ALIBI** are doing so well in Germany they've gone to live there and aren't coming back 'til next year!... ● Guess where **PETER ANDRE** is? Yep, the USA – writing and recording the long-awaited new alb, and filming the vid for the next single. He flies back to the UK on the 25th... ●



BACKSTREET BOYS ontinue their quest for world omination. They're doing TV shows plenty in Germany and Austria, nd are planning a quick stopover the UK for the release of their ext single *As Long As You Need e*, on September 22... ● **GARY ARLOW** will perform a special oncert at a top-secret London venue n the 15th... ● **BOYZONE** are touring South East Asia at the mo, then it's back to Britain and Ireland for promos... ●

DAMAGE are rehearsing for their UK tour next month... ● **KAV** is having a great time in Germany (ho!) and returns on the 10th to appear on numerous TV shows to promote the re-released *Crazy Chance*. Five days later he's off to South East Asia for the rest of the month... ● The highlight of **NORTH AND SOUTH**'s month is a giant outdoor show in Greece, happening mid-eptember... ● **911** are on tour t last! Warm-up shows begin t Rhyl Pavilion on eptember 14, with the our proper kicking off at lasgow Royal Concert all on the 18th. **CODE ED, N-TYCE** and **NIVERSAL** support... ● **N SYNC** spend a day eeting and greeting in erlin on the 9th before isappearing into a studio to rehearse or their European tour which begins in Luxembourg on he 27th... ● **OTT** are all over the place this month, reparing for the release of their fourth single, out oon... ● **SPICE GIRLS** are cutting and editing their lm and finishing off the new alb – wahey! Look out or them as they begin to promote a new single due ut in October while getting ready for their big concert n Turkey. Let's hope Prince Charlie has his ticket... ●

Are YOU a major TOTP prize winner?

Issue 29: WHO'S ON TOP?: Sarah Buzgan, London. **STEPHEN'S PRIVATE ALBUM:** Rebecca Kealey Brown, Spennymoor, County Durham. **DON'T DOUBT IT:** Lucy Clements, Ropley, Hants. **WORDSEARCH:** David Paterson, Dundee.

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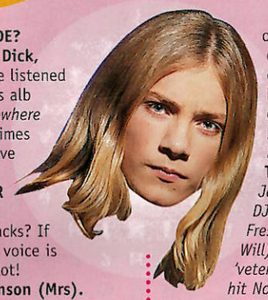
ASK CLEVER DICK
He's A Right Know-It-All!

TAYLOR MADE?
Dear Clever Dick,
Arrgghh! I've listened to **HANSON**'s alb *Middle Of Nowhere* millions of times trying to solve this prob – does **TAYLOR** sing lead on all of the tracks? If he does, his voice is changing a lot!
Natasha Hanson (Mrs).
Although Taylor is Hanson's main singer, the others get in on the act when they can. Little Hanson Zac sings lead on Lucy and Man From Milwaukee and Big Hanson Isaac sings Minute Without You. They're all multi-talented, y'know!



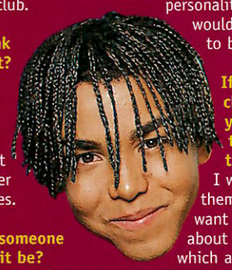
WILL'S A CHART VETERAN!
Dear Clever Dick,
I really like **WILL SMITH** and I've seen him in loads of movies, but I didn't know he could sing! Has he released any other singles before *Men In Black*?
Thanks, 'S'.
Jazzy Jeff (Will's DJ mate) and The Fresh Prince (erm, Will) are chart 'veterans'! The duo hit No 8 in 1991 with Summertime, and celebrated a No 1 in September '93 with the excellent Boom! Shake The Room! Other releases were Girls Ain't Nothing But Trouble (1985! Will was 14! Bless!), Ring My Bell ('91), and in '94, I'm Looking For The One (To Be With Me), Can't Wait To Be With You and Twinkle Twinkle (I'm Not A Star). For more info write to the v modest Will c/o Creative Artists, 9830 Wiltshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA90212 USA.

I WANT A CHEAP CD!
Dear Clever Dick,
I bought a **BOYZONE** single a few weeks ago for £3.99, and the following week I bought **PETER ANDRE**'s *All About Us* for £1.99. Why do some CD singles cost so much more than others? It's not fair!
A very upset music fan.
A-ha. I can understand you being upset. The cost of an unpromoted chart CD single is usually £3.49 – £3.99. Sometimes record companies arrange special deals with certain retailers such as HMV, Virgin and Woolies that allow them to sell their singles at a discounted price for a short period of time. The idea is that people are more likely to buy the cheap singles, sending them higher into the charts. The higher a single's position, the more it's likely to be played on radio and TV. This means more people will hear and buy it in week two of release, etc etc etc. Be warned – prices can go up in the second week of sale, so buy early and save money!

TOTP reader Josephine Walsh pops the questions to TAJ from 3T

Would you ever write back to a fan and would it be through the Internet?
Yes definitely, if I read something which really affected me I would write back. It's easy to reply to someone on the Internet but the best way to write to me is through the fan club.

What do you think is your weak spot?
My dancing. I'm not really that bad, but my brothers are really good. I just take a little longer to learn the moves.



If you could be someone else who would it be?
My Uncle Michael, but then again maybe not because of all the external pressure he has to face. But in terms of his personality and heart, I would definitely want to be him.

If you had children, would you want them to be in a band together?
I wouldn't force them to. I'd also want them to know about all the hardships which are involved – it's not all singing and dancing! But whatever my children wanted to do they would have my support in doing it.

What was the last thing you and your brothers argued about?
We argue up to the minute. Right now we're arguing about video games because Taryll's been winning all the computer hockey games recently.

The One Thing You've Always Wanted To Know

If you have one question you've always wanted to ask your favourite pop person, jot it down on a postcard marked 'I've always wanted to ask...' and send it to our *Pssssssst!* address.

WHO'S ON TOP

WIN A STEREO!
HITACHI
VOTE NOW!

You tell us who's the hottest act in pop and have a chance to win a swank stereo superwoofer into the bargain! Simply choose your fave artist from the list below, dial 0891 443 followed by the corresponding number and one lucky caller will become the proud owner of a portable Hitachi stereo with twin tape decks, CD, three-band radio etc. Calls cost just 25p (which is cheaper than a first class stamp) but you must remember to ask permission from whoever pays the bill first.

DIAL 0891 443...

880 All Saints	890 Hanson
881 Shola Ama	891 Michael Jackson
882 Peter Andre	892 911
883 Backstreet Boys	893 N-Tyce
884 Gary Barlow	894 Puff Daddy
885 Boyzone	895 Prodigy
886 Chumbawamba	896 Will Smith
887 Coolio	897 Spice Girls
888 Damage	898 3T
889 Eternal	899 Universal

Here are last month's results...
YOUR TOP POP PEEP!

1 (1) Spice Girls
2 (-) Hanson
3 (2) Boyzone
4 (5) Peter Andre
5 (8) 3T
6 (4) 911
7 (6) Backstreet Boys
8 (-) Damage
9 (-) Prodigy
10 (-) Michael Jackson

Pauline Campbell, 16, from Clydebank, was listening to Boyzone rehearsing when an open door offered a great opportunity...

A FAN'S TRUE STORY

"BOYZONE DANCED FOR ME!"

"We'd had a brilliant night watching Boyzone in concert, and so the following morning my friend Louise and I decided to visit their hotel. We arrived there really early and were lucky enough to catch them all leaving to go to their rehearsals. They filed out of the hotel separately, waved and smiled, but quickly ran on to the bus.

"It was really disappointing not getting an autograph or a photo, so without thinking, we jumped in a cab. The taxi driver laughed out loud when we told him to follow that bus! But within minutes we were at the venue. As we paid our fare we saw the bus disappear round the back of the hall.

"We were so disappointed. Still, we rushed over to a nearby door and pinned our ears to it. Suddenly the music started up. The boys were inside rehearsing and we were desperate to find a way in.

"We spent ages wandering around, chatting to everyone. We talked to all the security guards, cleaners, anyone who was going in and out of the centre. Everyone said the same thing. We wouldn't stand a chance of getting in.

"Five hours passed and we decided enough was enough. Before going, we thought we'd have one last listen at the door. We were gobsmacked when we found it was open. This was our big chance.

"As we went in, the door slammed shut behind us. The music was booming out as we walked a little way inside. Suddenly we were at the side of the stage. My stomach flipped – the boys were right in front of us! Shane and Ronan were jigging about to *A Different Beat*, practising their routine with the choreographer. We couldn't believe it, it was an amazing sight. The night before there had been 8,000 people there and tonight they were dancing just for us!

"Shane looked over and smiled. I tried to shout that I'd left a birthday card for him with a security guard, but he couldn't hear – the music was so loud.

"Meanwhile Ro was twirling around on stage while Keith and Mikey looked very lazy sitting on the steps of the stage. Every once in a while Ronan would stop dancing and wink at Wow! It was just brilliant.

"Ten minutes passed and I kept thinking, 'We're going to get a minute,' and sure enough a looking security guard approach 'What are you doing in here?' I said something about putting on the seats, but he didn't beli He said we had to leave immedi Our good luck had ended.

"We gave the boys one last wave they waved back, then we left. outside the door, the other fans asking us whether we'd seen th we told them what happened. I a pop star myself, with fans scre around me. It was an amazing although we still didn't get pho autographs, it was the best thin that's ever happened to me."

DO YOU HAVE A STO

If you have a fantastic *Fan's Story*, drop Justine Holman at the usual *Pssssssst!* addr

TOTP POP PALS!

Do you fancy having a pop pen pal? Well, now you can choose from this month's five *TOTP* pop pals and write back to them at the *Pssssssst!* address. However, MOST IMPORTANTLY you must mark your reply with the reference listed after your pal's entry...

Yo! My name is Ryan – I'm a 12-year-old lad living in London. I like Blur, Prodigy, No Doubt and Red Hot Chili Peppers – do you? A photo would be appreciated. **TOTP 9.**

Hi, I'm Karen and I would like to be the sixth Spice Girl – would you? I'd like to hear from anyone, male or female, who likes football and Boyzone as well as the Spicies. **TOTP 10.**

Hi, I'm Raphaella from Holland. I'm looking for pen pals who are fans of Louise and Eternal – like me! Reply guaranteed. Please write to **TOTP 11.**

Hello, Kimberley here. I'm 14 and a massive Peter Andre fan. If you think you're as mad on him as I am then write to me in Wales! Mark your letter **TOTP 12.**

Calling all Boyzone fans from anywhere (esp Dublin!), any sex, any race, any age – write to me! I'm Lynsey, I'm 15, from Glasgow. Re 100 per cent guaranteed. TOT

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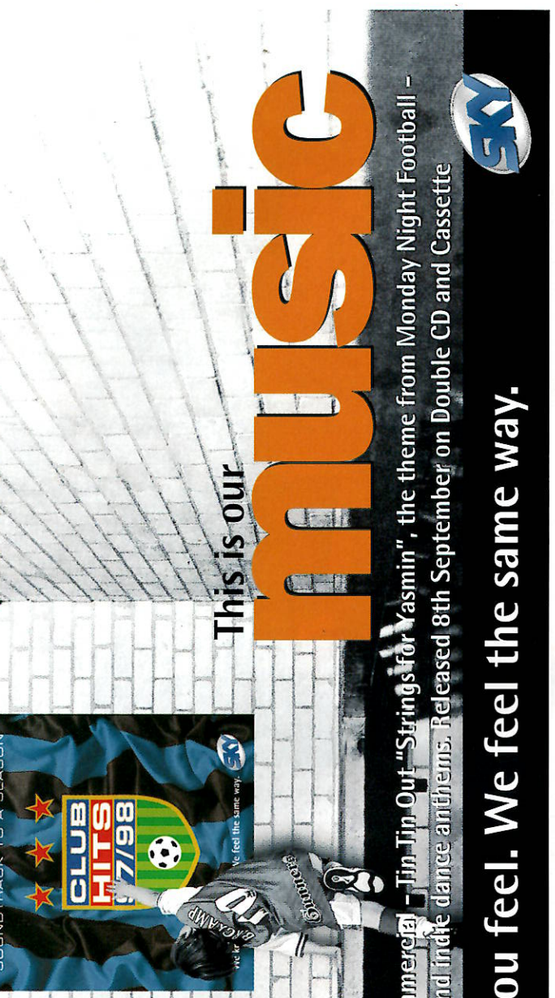
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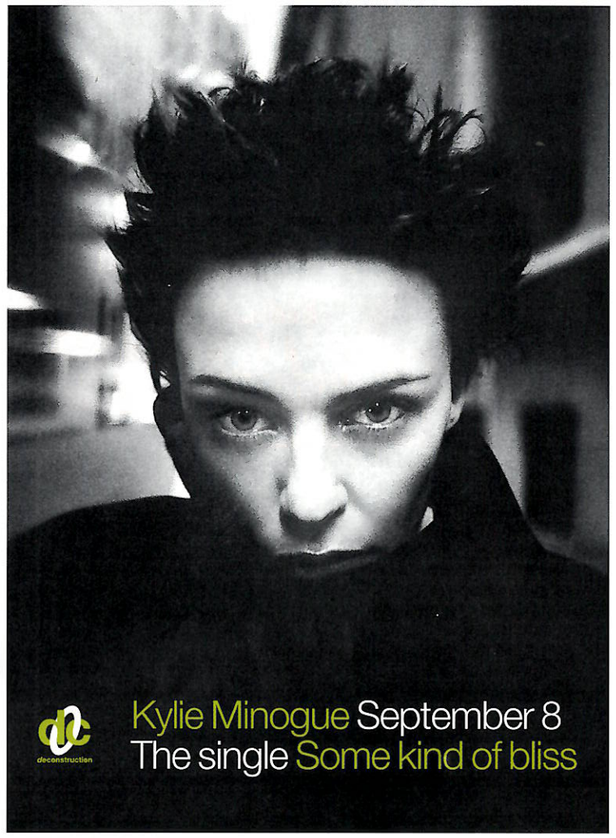

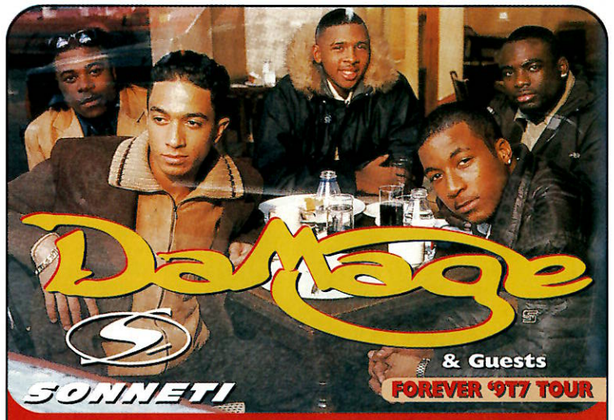
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Sketchy Spice!

Last ish it was Boyzone, this month the SPICE GIRLS have opened up their furry pencil cases and drawn pictures of themselves. Dr Scribbles reveals the secrets behind their self-portraits...

Sporty

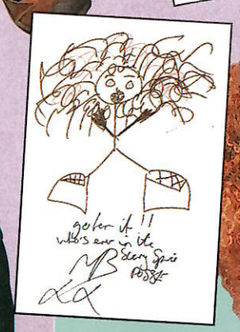
Dr Scribbles says: Sporty's open arms are important – either she wants to give the world a hug or she's practising her goalkeeping. Her 'new hairdo' doesn't look very different (then again Sporty seems to have only two hairdos: up or down) but those Gallagher eyebrows show she can be mad fer it. The big thing in her life is sport, clearly bigger than life, love and ears (she has no lug holes, but her trainers have little logos!

Ginger

Dr Scribbles says: Ginger's male fans might be upset at the lack of body in this drawing, but Ginge clearly feels her face is enough of a picture. Her artistic skills don't stretch to noses, but her long lashes reveal she loves attention and her sexy pouting lips mean she's always up for a snog. Oooh, Missus! Prince Charlie had better beware.

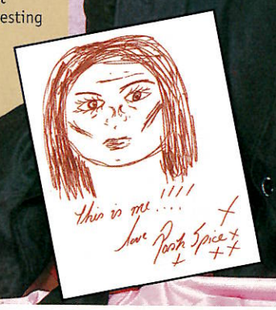
Baby

Dr Scribbles says: You're probably wondering why Baby is wearing a haystack on her head. Well, there you'd be wrong because it isn't a haystack, it's candyfloss, proving that Em is indeed the sweetest girl in the world. The choice of colour (baby pink, naturally!) shows that Emma is cute and baby-like through and through. Bless!



Posh

Dr Scribbles says: It's hard not to notice that Victoria's head is as round as a football, suggesting that soccer plays a rather large part in her life. The strangest thing is that Posh has drawn herself without a neck – perhaps she doesn't like sticking her neck out much in difficult sitches. And check out those cheekbones – only Victoria could have bones that posh!



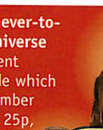
Scary

Dr Scribbles says: This is Scary at her very scariest! Every day is a mad hair day for Mel B and obviously it's not just her big hair that gives her Girl Power, but also the hugeness of her bootness. Judging by the number of teeth in her mouth, she seems to be saying her bite can be as bad as her bark – but I wouldn't want to find out! Spookily, I've noticed that wherever you go in a room, Mel B's eyes seem to follow you. Yikes!

Photos: Idols.

WIN!

You can WIN one of these original, never-to-be-repeated-in-the-history-of-the-universe Spice Girls pictures! We have a different question for each masterpiece, so decide which one you would like and call the right number with your answer. Calls cost no more than 25p, (that's cheaper than a first class stamp!) but you must check it's OK with the person who pays the bill before you ring. If you prefer, you can send your answer on a postcard, saying which picture you'd like, to our usual competition address (full competition details on page 76).



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What is the name of Sporty's long-lost sis?

SCARY: 0891 717 074
Which country does Scary's boyfriend come from?

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STARSCOPE

Day-by-day astro guide to September for Virgos and LIAM GALLAGHER, by Mysti

VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sept 23)

Wed Sept 3: The Moon plays havoc with Liam today – which might lead to sudden outbursts! Best to avoid a spat with your sibling – you'll regret it.

Thurs 4: Conserve your energy to pursue new ideas – but try not to give in to any naughty cravings you may have!

Fri 5: Today the Moon and Venus meet in Libra – so everyone should be in the mood for lurve!

Sat 6: Mars comes along to put a spanner in Liam's works, but you other Virgos will be charged up and ready to party!

Sun 7: The Moon joins Mars in Scorpio so there'll be plenty of dark, brooding energy around to deal with. No problem there then, Liam!

Mon 8: With the Moon plugging into Liam's Neptune, he'll be feeling highly sensitive! Don't overdo the shandy booze – oops, too late!

Tues 9: You'll be a moody so-and-so today, so tell everyone to leave you alone. Shut yourself away until you feel better.

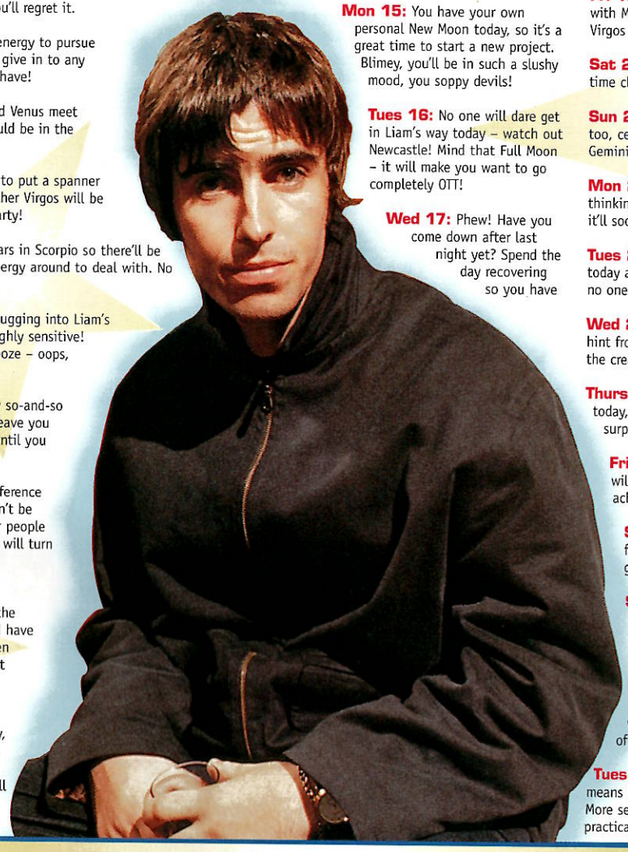
Wed 10: See? What a difference a day makes! Today you won't be able to do enough for other people and any meetings you have will turn out to your advantage.

Thurs 11: Today you should reach about 7.5 on the Mad-fer-it scale. Go out and have a double top time – not even pesky photographers will get on your nerves!

Fri 12: The Moon's in hardworking Capricorn today, which is good for all Virgos and especially Liam! He'll need to work hard – cos he'll be in final rehearsals for the Oasis tour!

Sat 13: The Moon meets Uranus in inventive and original Aquarius, so any new songs Oasis play tonight will go down a storm! All Virgos should have a mad night out.

Sun 14: If you have a minor tiff with boyf/girlf, kiss and make up! Overdoing the shandy booze and crisps is on the cards, too.



Mon 15: You have your own personal New Moon today, so it's a great time to start a new project. Blimey, you'll be in such a slushy mood, you soppy devils!

Tues 16: No one will dare get in Liam's way today – watch out Newcastle! Mind that Full Moon – it will make you want to go completely OTT!

Wed 17: Phew! Have you come down after last night yet? Spend the day recovering so you have energy for the evening. With the Moon in feisty A everyone will be well up for it tonight.

Thurs 18: Keep yourself wrapped in a bubble t with the Moon squaring Neptune, you'll feel rathe confused and tired.

Fri 19: Liam won't be able to avoid arguments t with Mars pushing him into a battle of wills. Luck Virgos can seek and find sensual pleasure!

Sat 20: With the Moon in earthy Taurus, spend time close to nature to recharge those batteries.

Sun 21: Liam's 25 years old today! If it's your b too, celebrate with lots of friends – with the Moo Gemini everyone will want to party!

Mon 22: A good day for business, short trips an thinking. You may be feeling strangely quiet toni it'll soon pass.

Tues 23: You'll expect everyone to run around a today and tell you how great you are. Don't be su no one plays ball!

Wed 24: Liam will be on a real power trip today hint from your Virgo pals who are busy making use the creative energy around.

Thurs 25: Liam will still be feeling like top dog today, but there's a spiritual vibe in the air which surprise everyone.

Fri 26: Liam is the leader of the gang, and p will be heaped upon his shoulders! A day of achievement and play for Virgos!

Sat 27: With the Moon meeting Liam's Ve feel-good factor all the way – lurve is all ar good day for all Virgos to have a bright idea

Sun 28: Liam – you'll be able to sharpen on your tongue today! The Moon enters yo sign of Virgo, so get ready for a really effi couple of days.

Mon 29: The Moon lines up with Mercu which should help you talk about your fee while keeping your hat on. Made by Kangol of course.

Tues 30: Mars creeps over Liam's Neptune – wh means he might end up shandy-boozing 'til he fall More sensible Virgos will be inspired in a much mo practical way!

STARGAZING IN YOUR SIGN

Libra (Sept 24 – Oct 23)
Fab month for peace-loving Librans, with Venus in your sign until the 11th, the Sun moving in on the 23rd. Plenty of lurve action on the 5th!

Scorpio (Oct 24 – Nov 22)
A steamy time for Scorps with Venus joining Mars in your sign on the 12th. Things become really intense on the 7th!

Sagittarius (Nov 23 – Dec 21)
Feeling tense? You will be! Keep your head down until the 29th, when you won't be shy about going after what you want!

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 20)
Ambitious Capricorns will gets lots of work done with the Sun in earthy Virgo. You'll feel especially pleased with your efforts on the 12th.

Aquarius (Jan 21 – Feb 19)
Where do you get all those mad ideas? A real flash of inspiration may come on the 14th. Don't worry if everyone thinks you're bonkers!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
Your big day is the 16th, when there is a total Lunar Eclipse in your sign. Avoid having forty winks, you'll be feeling dreamy enough already!

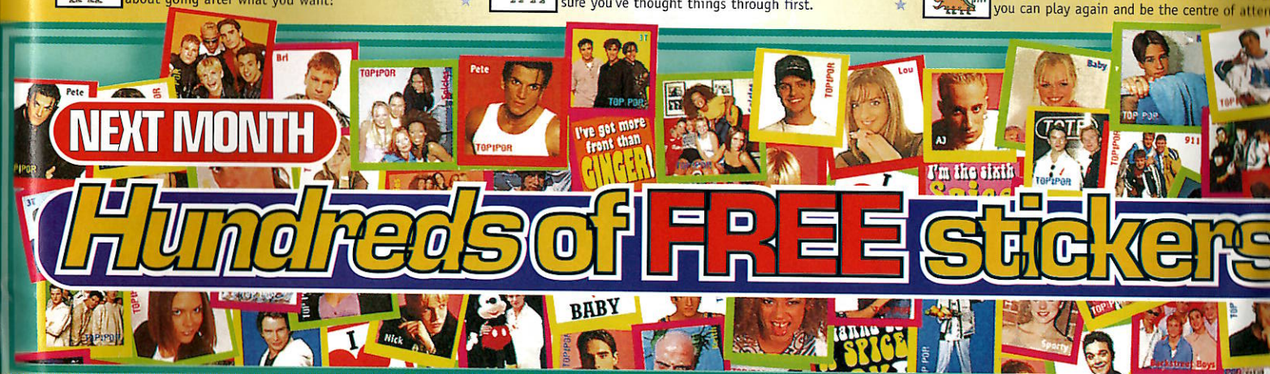
Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
You'll want to rush into things, especially on the 17th, but something's holding you back. Make sure you've thought things through first.

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 21)
Bad time to be a bull in a china shop. Spen on the 19th enjoying life's little pleasures – nature, food and your favourite tunes.

Gemini (May 22 – June 21)
Your brain will be racing on the 21st, but yo might wake up in a bad mood on the 22nd! You'll feel much more sociable by the 23rd.

Cancer (June 22 – July 23)
Sensitive, home-loving Cancerians will feel q in tune with the cosmos this month, but tak time to notice your moods on the 23rd.

Leo (July 24 – Aug 23)
You've just had your big month, Leo, so move and give the stage to someone else! On the 2 you can play again and be the centre of atte



TRUTH OR DARE

We challenged 911 to spin the arrow to see whether they would face a dare or a truth question. If the truth was too much to bear, we let them forfeit the question for a dare, and vice versa. "No problem," they laughed, but that was before they saw the kangaroo outfit...

JIMMY spins a truth question!

Have you ever snogged anyone famous?

Spike: (*Butting in.*) He's snogged me!

Jimmy: Shut up, you! No, I haven't, but if I ever bump into Louise...

Lee: Oh, that's back on now, is it?

J: Well yeah, why not? She's lovely and every time I hear her sing my pulse starts racing. (*Pauses for a second.*) I'm going to regret saying that, aren't I?

"What, for a million? I'd slip in a tongue for that." – **Spike**

LEE spins a truth question!

Which pop stars don't you like?

L: I'm sorry, but you don't seriously think I'm going to answer that, do you? I'll have to pick a dare card. Oh, you're joking – it says I have to dress up as a kangaroo!

SPIKE spins a truth question!

Have you ever lied to further your career?

S: No, I haven't but Lee did! He told us he was a health freak, went running four miles a day and ate plenty of fruit and vegetables. Our manager made me go jogging with him at seven in the morning. We were half way round the block and he started spluttering and had to stop.

But that wasn't his first lie. We asked him how many women he'd been with and he said 30. We thought he was one of the lads. He lied like us all!

JIMMY spins a truth question!

Would you cheer for your own team at an away game if you were sitting at the wrong end?

J: Yes, I would, and then I'd run, heh, heh. I've never been in the wrong end, but I'm sure I'd cheer if I was – quiet, though. I'd probably go, 'Oh, yeah,' under my breath.

S: I've been sat at the wrong end before, but it was a friendly game. When my team scored I did exactly that. I'm not sure what I would have done if it hadn't been a friendly though.

J: You'd have buried your head between your legs!

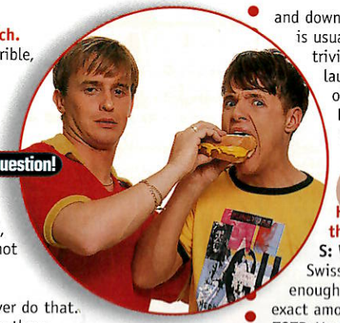
"Why am I having all the questions about dressing up as a woman?" – **Jimmy**

LEE spins a dare!

Eat a mustard sandwich.

L: Oh, that's really horrible, can't you make Jimmy do that?

TOTP: No!



SPIKE spins a truth question!

Do you eat your bogies?

S: No, I certainly don't, that's disgusting! I'm not sure about the others, though.

J: That's horrible, I never do that.

S: I've seen you flicking them.

JIMMY spins a truth question!

Do you like each other?

J: We're great mates and have our ups and downs – we're only human. We'll have a row, which is usually over a missing pair of socks or something trivial, and then we'll sort it out and have a laugh again. If you mean do we fancy each other, we don't – let's just make that clear.

L: I don't think they mean't that, did they?

LEE spins a truth question!

How much money do you have in the bank?

S: Which bank are you asking about, the Swiss or English one? Let's just say I have enough in my account but I'm not sure of the exact amount.

TOTP: You haven't told the truth, so you have to pick a dare.

S: Oh, no – it says stand in a bowl of baked beans.

TOTP: Off you go then!

S: (*Laughingly comments.*) Only because you'd itchy chin from all the stubble.

J: Would you do it for mo a million pounds?

L: No, I couldn't do

S: What, for a mi I'd slip in a ton that. (*All burst hysterical laug*

SPIKE spins

Eat a cream c without using hands.

S: Ha, ha, I'd lov

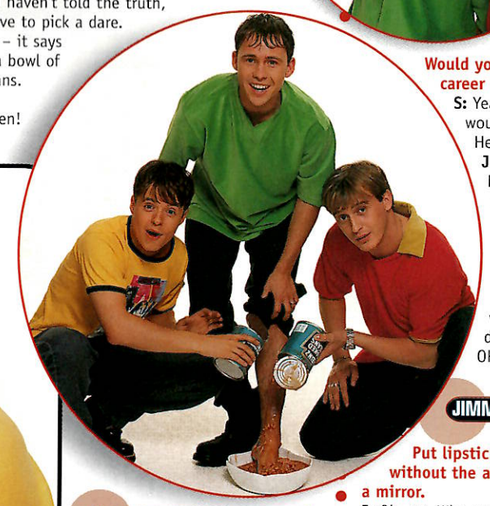
LEE spins a truth questio

Would you leave 911 to embark on a career for three million quid?

S: Yeah, and he'd give us a millio wouldn't you, eh Lee? Come on? Heh, heh.

J: I'd make you!

L: No, I wouldn't. I know I ca that money at the end of the singing with 911. Well, not quite that much, but I know we'll do OK!



JIMMY spins a dare!

Put lipstick on without the aid of a mirror.

J: Oh, no. Why am I having all the questions about dressing up as a woman? Give me the lippy, then.

JIMMY spins a truth question!

Have you ever dressed up as a woman?

J: Yes.

S: Yes, and I fancied him, heh heh.

J: Behave! When we used to dance on the *Hitman And Her* TV programme we did this routine called *Step Back In Time*. They'd play an old song from the '70s and we'd have to dress up. Spike wore big flares and I was roped into wearing a dress and a wig. Was I a pretty girl? Well, you'll have to ask Spike.

S: If he'd shaved his legs I'd have taken him home and even paid the taxi fare!

SPIKE spins a truth question!

Do you like your own records?

S: Yes, all of them. I'm not a big fan of cheesy and a couple of our singles are a tiny bit chees that's not to say I don't like them. If I had to c my least favourite it would be *Take Good Care*. like the way it was produced. My favo would be *Bodyshakin'*.

LEE spins a truth question!

If your sister's boyfriend was no good, would you tell her?

L: Actually, I do have a little s called Rebecca, and Spike fan – she's only 14, so he can fo about it.

S: Give her two years, heh,

J: I think she's alright as w that's because she's female! really, she's nice and when s 16, Spike's going to share h me.

L: God! You two are terrib I'd tell her, even if she w going out with a membe band. What are they go Sack me?

J: (*Jokingly.*) Well, you' irreplaceable... TOP

"I have to dress up as a kangaroo!" – **Lee**

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BLOW YOUR TOP!

Peter Andre's Double!

Dear TOTP Magazine,
Help! I'm a big Peter Andre fan and I try to be like him in order to get the laydees. I have the same hairstyle and even try to do the thing with the shades where you look out of the top of them. I tried to impress my sister's mates with my Peter impression, but they just laughed at me. What can I do?
Jamie Richardson, Bristol.
Bad news, Jamie – there's only room for one Peter Andre on the planet. Maybe your sister's mates will be so impressed you're the star letter they'll give you a snog!

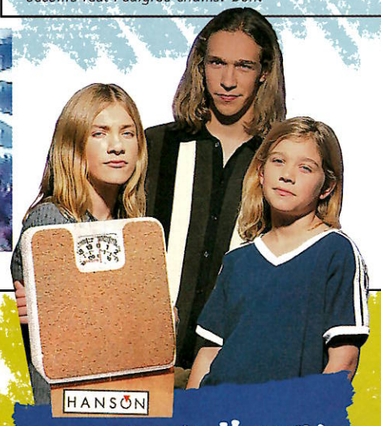
Star letter!

Chester Chomps Sporty!

Dear TOTP Magazine,
My dog Chester has attacked my Sporty Spice blow-up doll and ripped her to shreds. He is the friendliest dog I know and he would never usually do that to anyone. I think the reason he went so berserk was because you made Sporty look like she'd been hit with the ugly stick. Please don't do it again, otherwise Chester could be after you next time!
Fiona McNeil, Northampton.
Here's how to make Chester like Sporty. Cover Sporty in dog food and waft her under your pooch's nose. Hey presto! Chester and Sporty will become real Pedigree chums! Doh!

Unidentified Flying Footwear!

Dear TOTP Magazine,
There was a very funny thing on the July 4 edition of *TOTP*, presented by Jayne Middlemiss. I recorded the show and played it back in slow motion because I saw something fly across the screen – it just missed Jayne's head. When I stopped and rewound it, I realised that it was someone's trainer. It was so funny!
Christopher Younie, Oldham.
No need to call out Mulder and Scully – it was a flying trainer! We checked the offending footwear for clues and all we can say is whoever you are, get some Odour Eaters!

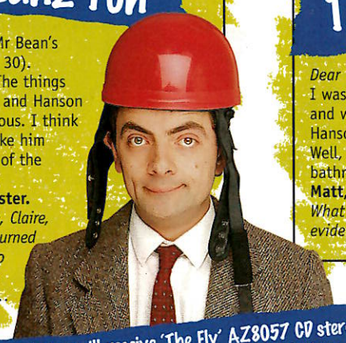


They Ain't Heavy, They're Hanson!

Dear TOTP Magazine,
I was flicking through an Argos catalogue recently and was completely shocked! All this time I thought Hanson were three long-haired, blonde pop chaps. Well, now I can reveal the truth – Hanson are bathroom scales!
Matt, Bristol.
What can we say, Matt? We've weighed up all the evidence and we think you could be right!

Bean Meanz Fun

Dear TOTP Magazine,
It was great to read Mr Bean's singles reviews (issue 30). He was really funny. The things he said about Kavana and Hanson were absolutely hilarious. I think that you ought to make him a permanent member of the *TOTP* staff!
Claire Billens, Leicester.
We did offer him a job, Claire, but unfortunately he turned us down. Something to do with wanting to be a Hollywood film star...



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TOP OF THE POPS

THE BEST-SELLING SINGLES AND ALBUMS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

TOP 40 SINGLES

01	**MEN IN BLACK**	Will Smith (Columbia)
02	**I'LL BE MISSING YOU**	Puff Daddy & Faith Evans (Puff Daddy)
03	**FREED FROM DESIRE**	Gala (Big Life)
04	**TUBTHUMPING**	Chumbawamba (EMI)
05	**EVERYBODY (BACKSTREET'S BACK)**	Backstreet Boys (Jive)
06	**MO MONEY MO PROBLEMS**	Notorious BIG (Puff Daddy)
07	**BITCH**	Meredith Brooks (Capitol)
08	**ALL ABOUT US**	Peter Andre (Mushroom)
09	**C U WHEN U GET THERE**	Coolio featuring 40 Thevz (Tommy Boy)
10	**PICTURE OF YOU**	Boyzone (Polydor)
11	**BLACK EYED BOY**	Texas (Mercury)
12	**ALL I WANNA DO**	Dannii (Eternal)
13	**EVERYTHING**	Mary J Blige (MCA)
14	**FREE**	Ultra Nate (AM:PM)
15	**D'YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?**	Oasis (Creation)
16	**YESTERDAY**	Wet Wet Wet (Precious Organisation)
17	**CALIFORNIA DREAMIN**	The Mamas And The Papas (MCA)
18	**ECUADOR**	Sash! featuring Rodriguez (Multiply)
19	**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY**	Levellers (China)
20	**GET UP! GO INSANE!**	Stretch 'n' Vern presents Maddog (ffrr)
21	**YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE**	Shola Ama (WEA)
22	**TARANTINO'S NEW STAR**	North And South (RCA)
23	**NOT TONIGHT**	Lil' Kim (Atlantic)
24	**BITTER SWEET SYMPHONY**	Verve (Hut)
25	**OUTLAW**	Olive (RCA)
26	**SOMETHING GOIN' ON**	Todd Terry (Manifesto)
27	**BRUSHED**	Paul Weller (Island)
28	**TOSS IT UP**	Makaveli (Interscope)
29	**ALL OUT OF LOVE**	OTT (Epic)
30	**FILMSTAR**	Suede (Nude)
31	**GOTHAM CITY**	R Kelly (Jive)
32	**NEVER GONNA LET YOU GO**	Tina Moore (Delirious)
33	**YOUNG HEARTS RUN FREE**	Kym Mazelle (EMI)
34	**I WANNA BE THE ONLY ONE**	Eternal featuring Bebe Winans (EMI)
35	**QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS**	Jon Bon Jovi (Mercury)
36	**THE MIND OF THE MACHINE**	N-Trance (All Around The World)
37	**BLINDED BY THE SUN**	The Seahorses (Geffen)
38	**PIECE OF MY HEART**	Shaggy featuring Marsha (Virgin)
39	**DEEP IN YOU**	Livin' Joy (Universal)
40	**MY FATHER'S SON**	Conner Reeves (Wildstar)

READER'S TOP 10

by Nicole from Cologne, Germany

01	**IF YOU LOVE ME**	Brownstone
02	**QUIT PLAYIN' GAMES (WITH MY HEART)**	Backstreet Boys
03	**LAST NIGHT**	Az Yet
04	**I WANT YOU BACK**	'N Sync
05	**COUNT ON ME**	Whitney Houston/Ce Ce Winans
06	**BRING BACK THE LOVE**	Caught In The Act
07	**DON'T LEAVE ME**	Blackstreet
08	**IRONIC**	Alanis Morissette
09	**END OF THE ROAD**	Boyz II Men
10	**ALL SONGS BY SHAI!**	Shai

EASTHER'S TOP 5 CARTOON CHARACTERS

01	**THE GARGOYLES**
02	**AERIAL** (*LITTLE MERMAID*)
03	**BART SIMPSON**
04	**THE MAGICIAN** (*DUNGEON AND DRAGONS*)
05	***THE LAND BEFORE TIME*** **(THE LITTLE GIRL)**

RONAN BOYZONE'S TOP 5 FILMS

01	***STATE OF GRACE***
02	***FACE-OFF***
03	**ALL THE BATMAN FILMS**
04	***THE FIFTH ELEMENT***
05	***THE BREAKFAST CLUB***

KENICKIE'S TOP 5 THINGS ABOUT SUMMER

01	**THE SUN SHINING LIKE IT DOES IN TELETUBBIE LAND**
02	**TOTTY WEARING LESS CLOTHES**
03	**JUMPING IN A RIVER/SEA**
04	**SONGS SUCH AS *MACARENA* AND *I'M TOO SEXY***
05	**CHILDREN'S ICE CREAMS MELTING AND DROPPING ON THE FLOOR. THE LITTLE FOOLS!**

TOP 20 ALBUMS

01	**BE HERE NOW**	Oasis (Creation)
02	**THE FAT OF THE LAND**	The Prodigy (XL Recordings)
03	**WHITE ON BLONDE**	Texas (Mercury)
04	**OK COMPUTER**	Radiohead (Parlophone)
05	**SPICE**	Spice Girls (Virgin)
06	**SHERYL CROW**	Sheryl Crow (A&M)
07	**ALWAYS ON MY MIND – ULTIMATE LOVE SONGS**	Elvis Presley (RCA)
08	**DO IT YOURSELF**	The Seahorses (Geffen)
09	**BACKSTREET'S BACK**	Backstreet Boys (Jive)
10	**ESSENTIALS**	David Gates & Bread (Warner.esp/Jive)
11	**NO WAY OUT**	Puff Daddy & The Family (Puff Daddy)
12	**LOVE IS FOR EVER**	Billy Ocean (Jive)
13	**THE BEST OF**	Michael Jackson & Jackson Five (PolyGram TV)
14	**HEAVY SOUL**	Paul Weller (Island)
15	**COME FIND YOURSELF**	Fun Lovin' Criminals (Chrysalis)
16	**BLURRING THE EDGES**	Meredith Brooks (Capitol)
17	**POP**	U2 (Island)
18	**OPEN ROAD**	Gary Barlow (RCA)
19	**MY WAY – THE BEST OF**	Frank Sinatra (Reprise)
20	**(WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY?**	Oasis (Creation)

TOP 10 COMPILATIONS

01	**NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC! 37**	EMI/Virgin/PolyGram)
02	**FRESH HITS 1997**	(Warner.esp/Global TV/Sony TV)
03	**BEST DANCE ALBUM IN WORLD...EVER! 7**	(Virgin/EMI)
04	**KISS MIX '97**	(PolyGram TV)
05	**IN THE MIX '97 – 3**	(Virgin/EMI)
06	**MEN IN BLACK – THE ALBUM**	Columbia)
07	**THE BEST DISCO ALBUM IN THE WORLD...EVER!**	(Virgin/EMI)
08	**THE FIRST SUMMER OF LOVE**	(Sony TV/PolyGram TV)
09	**PETE TONG ESSENTIAL SELECTION – SUMMER '97**	(PolyGram TV)
10	**BEST LATINO CARNIVAL IN THE WORLD...EVER!**	(Virgin/EMI)

READER'S TOP 10

by Philip Lee from Somerset

01	**SAY YOU'LL BE THERE**	Spice Girls
02	**SUPERSONIC**	Oasis
03	**MMMBOP**	Hanson
04	**I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU**	Rembrants
05	**YOU'RE NOT ALONE**	Olive
06	**FREEDOM**	Wham!
07	**TI AMO**	Gina G
08	**QUIT PLAYIN' GAMES (WITH MY HEART)**	Backstreet Boys
09	**BETTER WATCH OUT**	Ant & Dec
10	**I'M A MAN NOT A BOY**	North And South

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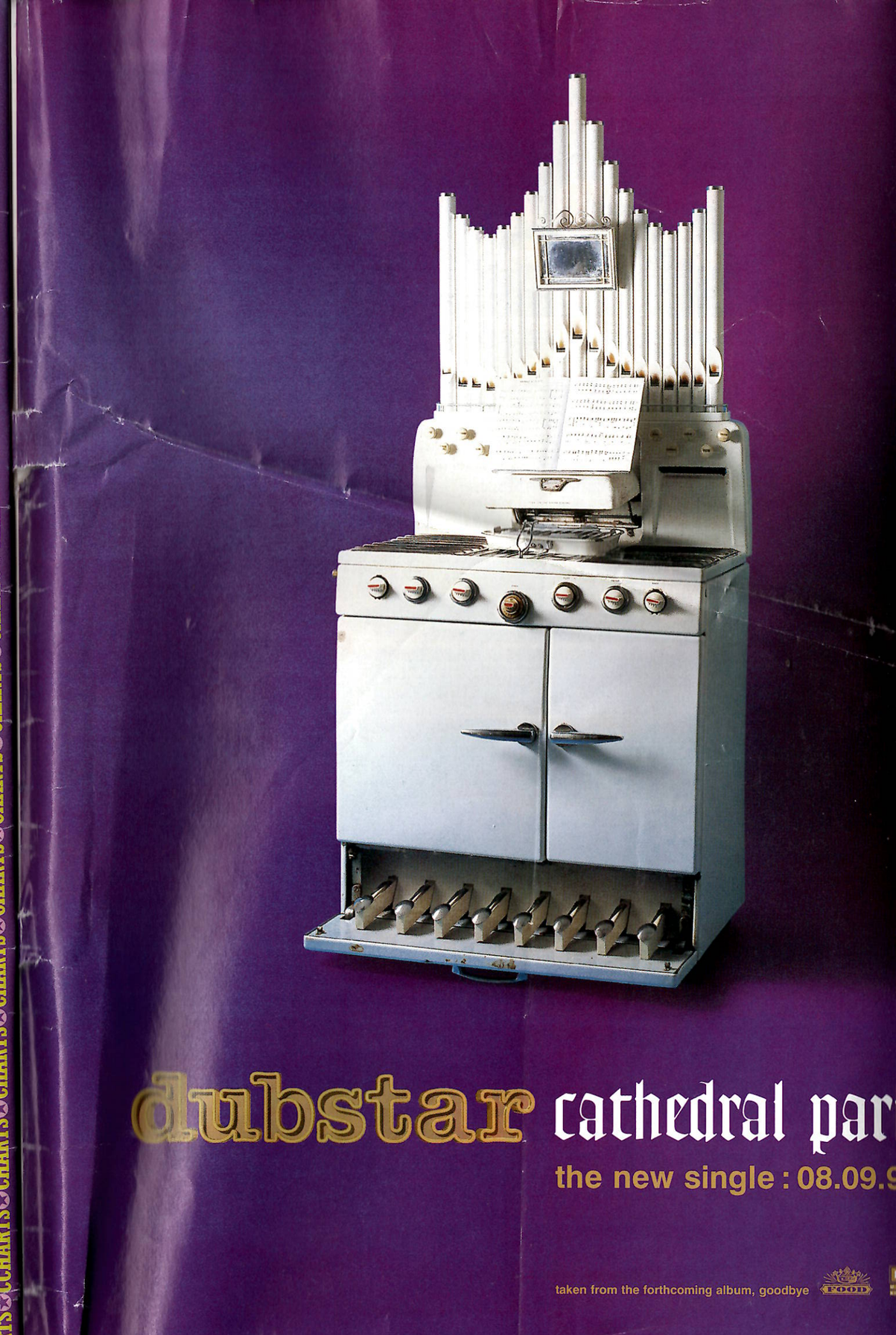

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